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Accident girl, 15, fights for her life

BY JORDAN DAY

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A SCHOOLGIRL has been left fighting for her life after being involved in an accident with a truck.

Jennifer To, 15, is believed to have been rushing for her school bus when she was in collision with the van.

The horrific incident happened on the A10 Ely Road at Little Thetford, at 7.45am on Monday.

Jennifer, who is a student at Witchford Village College, is believed to be from the Red Fen Road area of Little Thetford.

Crash site: the A10 at Little Thetford.

On Tuesday, police confirmed Jennifer was in a critical condition with a serious head injury at Addenbrooke's Hospital, Cambridge, and that she was fighting for her life.

The emergency services began receiving calls from members of the public at 7.46am on the morning.

The East of England Ambulance Service (EEAS), Cambridgeshire Constabulary and Cambridgeshire Fire and Rescue Service (CFRS) attended the collision, which involved a van from Milton Keynes-based firm Shred-It.

A spokesman for CFRS said they had received reports that Jennifer was trapped underneath the truck.

However, on arrival crews found she had managed to crawl from beneath it, before slipping into a coma at the roadside.

A spokeswoman for the EEAS said: "The casualty was a 15-year-old female. She suffered a significant head injury.

"A number of ambulances attended the scene, including a doctor and medics. Magpas helimedix were also present."

James Page, representing Shred-It, which destroys and recycles confidential papers and owns the truck involved in the accident, said: "The company's first thoughts are clearly with the girl and her family at this time.

"The driver was traumatised by what happened and was checked over by police before he and the vehicle were released.

"He had left the Milton Keynes depot and was set to visit a variety of companies for pick-ups across

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Appeal for witnesses as girl hurt

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Cambridge before heading back at the end of the day.

"He hadn't yet reached his first job when the accident happened."

Sgt Chris Clare, investigating, is appealing for witnesses or anyone with any information to come forward.

Sgt Clare said: "This was a busy stretch of road and I'm sure other drivers and pedestrians will have seen what happened."

Anyone with any information should call Sgt Clare on 0345 456 4564.

Bonfire gets out of control

FIREFIGHTERS were called into action after a bonfire began blazing out of control in Mepal.

Firefighters were called to Sutton Road at 2.20pm on Tuesday.

The cause of the incident was said to be accidental.

Pupils win prestigious art award

ARTISTS at the King's School Ely have had their talents recognised with a prestigious award.

The school has been presented with a certificate from The Good Schools Guide for 'the best results at A-level achieved by girls taking art and design at an English school'.

A-level textiles students have consistently achieved among the top five marks nationally.

Director of art Alison Rhodes said: "I am absolutely thrilled with the award.

"It's also a recognition of our talented students' enthusiasm, hard work and dedication."

The school's new £3.5million arts complex was opened last year by former pupil Lord Browne of Madingley, in his capacity as chairman of the Tate Gallery.

A number of King's pupils have also gone on to make their mark in the fashion industry, including shoe designer Rupert Sanderson, accessories designer Emily Trotter, a winner at the 2010 UK Fashion and Textile Export Awards, and silversmith Rebecca Hill, winner of the best newcomer award at British Silver Week Festival last month.

Sue Freestone, the head of King's, said: "The arts have always been high on the agenda at King's and the standards achieved in the school are exceptional.

"This award is a fitting tribute to the quality of teaching in our textiles department."

King's fashion and textiles students are preparing work for an exhibition which will be staged at the Royal Ballet, Covent Garden, from October 10-14.

Top awards: Alison Rhodes, director of art at King's, with the certificate from The Good Schools Guide. CP.

Phone-hack police meet Holly and Jessica's parents

THE parents of murdered Soham schoolgirls Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman have been contacted by detectives investigating phone hacking at the *News of the World*.

MPs were due to have an emergency debate yesterday on whether to hold a public inquiry into the phone-hacking scandal following claims a private investigator working for the *News of the World* hacked into murdered schoolgirl Milly Dowler's phone after she went missing.

A police source has now confirmed relatives of Holly and Jessica, pictured, were also visited by Scotland Yard officers several months ago.

A Cambridgeshire Police spokesman said: "Both families have been contacted by officers from the Metropolitan Police and are assisting with them with their inquiries."

Soham's MP has condemned the phone-acking allegations as "truly appalling".

James Paice, said: "I condemn all phone-hacking and these latest allegations concerning the parents of Holly Wells and Jessica Chapman, as well as Milly Dowler, are truly appalling and need to be investigated urgently and thoroughly by the relevant authorities.

"Should they be proven then I hope that swift and decisive action will be taken against the perpetrators."

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Crash drama on A10 rail crossing

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A CAMPER van collided with a train on a level crossing in Littleport on Tuesday afternoon.

Police were called to the scene on the A10 at 4.40pm.

A Cambridgeshire police spokeswoman said: "A camper van overtook static traffic at a crossing and hit a train.

"An elderly man and woman were trapped in the camper van. The train remained upright and on the tracks."

She confirmed there were no injuries to people on the train, and said it was not believed that injuries sustained by the elderly man and woman were life-threatening.

A dog, which was also in the camper van, was unharmed.

A spokesman from the East of England Ambulance Service Trust, which was called at 4.43pm, said two people were taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital.

The police spokesman said the air ambulance and Magpas Helimedix attended. She said there were 35 passengers on the train and a bus had been arranged to transport them from the scene.

Road closures were in place on the A10 at Wisbech Road and at the A10/A1101 roundabout.

Magpas Helimedix said the man and his wife, in their 70s, were on their way back from a holiday.

A spokeswoman for the emergency medical charity said the man had a "serious injury" to his foot and was in a stable condition.

She said the man was taken to Addenbrooke's Hospital by land ambulance with his wife.

Magpas said the police helicopter was used to transport the team to the scene.

Chaos: the aftermath of the crash on the A10 at Littleport on Tuesday.

8,000 sign up in battle over parking charges

ALMOST 8,000 people have now thrown their weight behind a campaign opposing plans to introduce car parking charges in Ely.

Last week, just over 6,500 furious business owners and residents had signed the Say No to Parking Charges petition, which was launched in the city four weeks ago.

Now, a further 1,500 people have signed up.

As reported in the *Weekly News*, the campaign has been spearheaded by business owners, shopkeepers and members of the Ely Traders' Association, who are urging East Cambridgeshire District Council and Cambridgeshire County Council to abandon plans to introduce civil parking enforcement in the city.

They, alongside residents who have bombarded the *Weekly News* with letters, insist forcing people to pay to park will kill off trade.

Andrew Olley, manager of the City Cycle Centre in Market Street, Ely, and a member of the traders' association, said: "Collecting this number of signatures in such a short time has been an enormous undertaking and a lot of people have been involved.

"It is not just the many people working in the shops who are putting in time to gather signatures, but also the leaders of community groups and play groups come in to take sheets to their meetings.

"People take sheets back to their work to make sure their colleagues are aware of the council's plans.

"People are signing in such numbers because they think it appalling that the council would do something to harm the city centre at a time when it actually needs support."

Despite the outcry, Cllr Peter Moakes, leader of the district council, insists the charges need to be introduced.

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Missing moggie's back after a 5-year absence

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AN elated cat owner has been reunited with her pet – more than five years after the crafty feline went missing.

When Jemima the cat vanished from her home in Ely in 2006, her owner, Melanie Sadler, hunted high and low for her and put 'missing cat' posters up throughout her neighbourhood.

Weeks and months went by and devastated Miss Sadler believed Jemima, who she rescued as a kitten from the Cats Protection League, had been run over.

But last week, more than five years after the beloved black feline disappeared, Miss Sadler received a phonecall from Pet Doctors vets in Ely to say that Jemima had been brought into the clinic as a stray.

Miss Sadler, who has since moved three times and is now settled near Axminster, Devon, embarked on a nine-hour round trip to collect Jemima, who is now enjoying all her home comforts.

Miss Sadler, 36, said: "I just can't believe I've got Jemima back.

"As the weeks and months went on, I had this gut feeling that she'd been run over or had been taken in by someone else.

"To have her back five years later is unbelievable."

Miss Sadler said: "I rescued Jemima as a kitten from the Cats' Protection League when I was living in Worcestershire.

"I then moved to Tennyson Place in Ely and did all the usual things you do when you move home with your cat but she just vanished.

"I put posters up everywhere but there was just no sign of her anywhere.

"I think she must have been fed elsewhere as she's in good condition – maybe the person who was looking after her died or has moved on?

"It's great to have her back – I'm not sure that she recognises it's me but she's still ever so cuddly and loves sitting on my lap. She seems to be hungrier than before though – she's constantly begging for food."

Ernesto Hernandez, a vet at Pet Doctors in Ely's St Mary's Street, was able to contact Miss Sadler as Jemima was microchipped.

Mr Hernandez said: "This is such an inspiring story.

"Jemima's tale shows how important it is to have your pets microchipped.

"It's something that only needs doing once in a lifetime and if your pet is microchipped, the chances of finding them if they get lost is a lot higher."

You're the cat's whiskers: Melanie Sadler gets to stroke Jemima again. CP.

Furry fugitives: Badgie and Bella are still at large. CP.

It's time for pea shooters

PEOPLE from across the world will be descending on Witcham on Saturday.

The village's annual World Pea Shooting Championships are being held – and as ever, hundreds are expected to attend.

The championships were started in 1971 by local schoolteacher John Tyson.

Since that day, locals have been staging the annual championships to raise cash for village groups.

Registration opens on the village green at noon and the pea shooting starts at 1pm.

People are being encouraged to take part as individuals or in teams and be in with the chance of becoming a world champion. Last year's winner was local man Ian Ashmeade.

There will also be stalls, children's entertainment, a licensed bar and refreshments running throughout the afternoon.

For more information, visit *www.witcham.org.uk*.

Reward for return of tortoiseshell two

A DEVASTATED couple are offering a £300 reward for the safe return of their two cats. Laura Porter and Daniel Bowman, from Little Downham, returned home from a two-week holiday in Florida last Friday to discover their beloved cats, Badgie and Bella, had gone missing.

The tortoiseshell 4-year-old felines, who the couple adopted from the Cats Protection League, were in the care of Silver Birch Kennels and Cattery in Oak Lane, Littleport, when they escaped.

At first, it was feared the pets had been stolen but police and the cattery's owner, Dean Faulkner, say the cats escaped after an overnight storm damaged the roof of their pen.

Miss Porter said: "We were just getting ready to get off the aeroplane when Daniel got a text through from his dad telling us what had happened.

"We just can't believe it – we can't bear being at home without them both there.

"We've searched non-stop since we got back but we still haven't got them back.

"We're now offering a £300 reward for their safe return and we urge everyone to check their garages and sheds just in case they are trapped inside somewhere."

Anyone with any information should phone 07500 773425 or 07786 986050.

Cyclists in security bid

MORE than 40 cyclists turned out to get their bikes security-marked by police.

Officers held the event at the High Barns play area.

By registering bikes with the online database registration Immobilise, stolen cycles can quickly be traced and recovered by police.

PCSO Daniel Stewart, who helped organise the event, confirmed a 47 bikes were registered within three hours. Another bike marking event is being planned for the end of this month.

Police at bungalow

POLICE swooped at a bungalow in Haddenham on Tuesday after concerns were raised about people living at the address.

Dozens of officers descended on the property in Hop Row just before 10am.

A police spokesman said: "We were called to a property in Hop Row, Haddenham, following reports of concern for people living at the address. "Investigations are ongoing."

Fun seekers make waves at Aquafest

Car trouble: rowers put their backs into the task at Aq uafest. Pictures: David Johnson 750934

Fun day: Louie Sweet, 10, Fiona Brown- Roche and Alexander Brown-Roche, 6, enjoy the big event.

Pictures: 750930/750938

COLOURFUL rafts were the stars of the show in Ely on Sunday.

The city's Aquafest was held – and bright sunshine saw thousands of people descend on Ely's Riverside area for the annual event.

Dozens of flamboyant rafts took to the River Great Ouse for the raft race and families lined the riverbank to cheer them on.

There was also a carnival atmosphere with dancing, singing, children's games, craft stalls and historic re-enactments on Jubilee Gardens, Maltings Green and Lavender Green, keeping revellers of all ages entertained.

As ever, the event was organised by the Rotary Clubs of Ely and raised cash for local charities.

Crazy craft: a London bus puts in an appearance.

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Cathedral focus for schools

THOUSANDS of people are expected to gather at Ely Cathedral on Sunday to celebrate 200 years of national schooling.

An event called Celebrate 200 is being held at the cathedral to mark the 200th anniversary of the National Society.

The service at Ely Cathedral will be led by the Bishop of Huntingdon, Dr David Thomson, and will showcase the creative talents of many pupils in today's schools.

Church members from all the parishes, staff and parents of schools and supporters of Christian education in the region will also be joining the celebration.

Director of Education, Canon Tim Elbourne, said: "This is a special occasion for old and young alike which we hope and pray will be a great way for the people of the diocese to express thanksgiving for their work and Christian witness, as well as being great fun for all who attend and take part."

The service starts at 5.45pm

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Fall woman in angry outburst

MS sufferer claims delivery driver left her in pain

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A DISABLED woman who fell and banged her head in her home claims a delivery driver who was there at the time fled and left her alone to dial 999.

Carol Chubb, 39, says she feels "disgusted" by the driver's "lack of concern".

Miss Chubb, who suffers with multiple sclerosis, epilepsy and osteoporosis, says she was at her home in Brays Lane, Ely, when the doorbell rang.

She was expecting a new bath board to be delivered from major disability firm, Nottingham Rehab Supplies (NRS), and rushed to the door.

Miss Chubb said: "I was in such a rush that I tripped and banged my head against the corner of my storage heater.

"The pain was excruciating but I managed to shuffle my way along the hallway and to the bottom of the stairs, where I was then able to pull myself off the floor."

Upset: Carol Chubb fell twice in her home.

Miss Chubb says she then answered the door to the delivery driver, who walked inside with the bath board and went upstairs with it.

She said: "After he'd fitted it, as he went to come down the stairs, I walked to bottom of them to meet him. As I stepped onto the bottom step I completely lost my balance and fell again, banging my head on the floor.

"I was in such pain – I pressed my emergency pendant alarm as I knew I needed an ambulance.

"I was laying on the floor crying and the person on the other end of the phone told me an ambulance was on its way.

"Before I knew it, the delivery driver had stepped over me and left me lying there in my distressed state.

"I am disgusted – he knew I was disabled and how much pain I was in, yet he didn't even try to help me up again.

"I just can't believe his lack of concern – it upsets me so much."

The *Weekly News* contacted NRS about the incident and even though insisting their delivery driver acted responsibly, a spokesman for the firm said the driver should have made contact with his manager about what to do.

The spokesman said: "In hindsight, we would have preferred our driver to make contact with his line manager back at the depot to seek any further instruction.

"However, Miss Chubb stated that there was nothing he could do, and the fact that she had already used the pendant alarm and was talking to the ambulance service when our driver was due to depart, he made the decision to leave. On receipt of the complaint we have undertaken a full investigation and are satisfied that our driver did everything possible to ensure there was no risk to Miss Chubb."

Rail link study is revealed

A STUDY looking into re-opening a railway station in Soham has proved it is an engineering possibility.

Research carried out by Network Rail and Atkins on behalf of the district council and Cambridgeshire County Council estimated the cost of returning the station to use as between £2.5 million and £5 million.

The next stage would be to see if the station would be commercially viable and whether it could fit in with current services.

Cllr Peter Moakes, chairman of East Cambridgeshire District Council, said the results of the report were encouraging.

He added: "This will be a major boost for Soham and its ability to grow in the future. However, I think it is important to set this work in context.

"The research has shown that while we believe the demand is there for services, we need to speak to train operators and our partners to determine whether these levels of demand are commercially viable and whether it could fit into the current timetables using the lines.

"There is still a lot of work to be done yet before we can say Soham will get its railway station back but we are moving along on the right track."

The station first opened in 1879 when the Ely to Newmarket railway line was built, and for years was a focal point of town life.

But it was destroyed on June 2, 1944, after a consignment of bombs travelling through the town caught fire and blew up the station.

The station was never reconstructed. Only a platform was built and services ran to Cambridge again before the station was closed in 1965.

Re-opening the station could provide a direct rail link between Ely and Cambridge.

United drive to push through bypass plan

HOPES of building a multi-million pound southern bypass in Ely will become a reality.

That's the message from council bosses and local MPs who joined forces and held a private meeting last Thursday to discuss how to move the contentious project forward.

The meeting was attended by East Cambridgeshire MPs Stephen Barclay and Jim Paice, cabinet members from Cambridgeshire County Council, including Cllr Steve Criswell and Cllr Ian Bates, and top bosses from East Cambridgeshire District Council, including authority leader Peter Moakes.

The leaders insist funding is available for a full investigation to be carried out and that building a £28 million bypass in the city will be a reality.

Cllr Moakes said: "We have good reason to hope that there will be more funding without a massive need to involve central government at every stage.

"We all recognise the absolute priority this road link is for the wellbeing of the area and there was unanimous support for the plan to be pushed onward and upward with as much energy as possible."

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Earlier this year, the district council's Conservative members launched an online campaign, called 'Ely Needs a Southern Link Road Now'.

More than 300 people have signed the petition so far.

Cllr Moakes said: "Apart from freeing the area around Ely Station from horrendous traffic levels, the bypass will also be a real tonic for all those who live along the A1123.

"It may take years to finish but now all levels agree this bypass is a must.

"We have also recommended to county highway chiefs that one of the proposed routes, which was likely to impact on The King's School playing fields, should be dropped as it failed the value-for-money test."

To see the petition, go to *www.petitionbuzz.com/petitions/elybypassnow.*

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Tea and cake: Ginette Heard, Debbie Bliss and Christine Brown serve up the treats. Picture: Keith Heppell 749127.

Shop owners brew up charity cash

A WOOL shop spun plenty of charity cash by inviting people in for afternoon tea.

Knitting fans flocked to Yarn on the Square in Ely last Tuesday for a summer-themed strawberry tea party.

Ginette Heard and Christine Brown, owners of the Market Place shop, organised the fundraising event for Breast Cancer Care and, despite torrential rain and thunderstorms, dozens of people attended.

Over recent weeks, knitters have been making tea cosies and dropping them into the shop. Most of the cosies are now available to buy, with cash going to the charity.

Mrs Brown said: "The party was brilliant. There were strawberries, cups of tea and homemade cake and the quality of the tea cosies was particularly impressive."

Race for Life runners clock up the miles

THOUSANDS of women donned running shoes for Cancer Research UK's Race for Life in Cambridge on Sunday.

Among those putting their best feet forward for charity were women from East Cambridgeshire.

A group of around a dozen from Ely's ladies-only gym, Energie Fitness, dressed up in pink and completed the race.

Through sponsorship and coffee mornings at the gym, they hope to have raised £2,000 for Cancer Research.

Many also took part in the Race for Life in Bury St. Edmunds on the previous Sunday, including a group of about 30 women, who completed the 5km run while tied together with a pink ribbon.

The women took part alongside Paula Sillitoe, a hairdresser and mother-of-three from Ely, who was diagnosed with breast cancer last year.

About 30 members of Littleport and Swaffham Prior Slimming World groups, both run by Sharon Heaps, also took part in Race for Life at Bury St. Edmunds.

They hope to have raised more than £3,500 for the charity.

Picnic marks Bible date

A CELEBRATION is being held in Ely on Sunday to mark the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible.

People will be gathering in Jubilee Gardens for a picnic from noon, followed by a service at 1pm.

The event will include short talks, prayers and a balloon release at the end.

Residents are invited to take a balloon along if they wish.

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Free parking should stay

Sir, I read with interest Robin Laycock's letter headlined 'Get real, it's the only way to survive' (*Weekly News*, June 30) in which he feels introducing parking charges will help pay for services under threat of cuts. I have several objections to his reasoning on this.
Firstly, the free parking currently enjoyed in Ely is a service in itself, and a very good one at that. For many, the car is not a luxury but an increasingly expensive necessity. Like many, where I live, the public transport is inadequate and I have to use my car to get into Ely. I do not need to remind Mr Laycock of the increasing cost of running my car to go shopping, and I certainly do not need an extra tax once I get there. The free parking in Ely is something we should cherish and certainly is a boost to trade.
We then come to the question that introducing parking fees will raise money for more "essential" services. I very much doubt it.
Apparently the council spends about £330,000 on free car parks. How do they do that on something that, as far as I can tell, needs no maintenance or running at all? If we introduce charges than we will need ticket machines, we will need people to empty the ticket machines and then we will need enforcement. If the council can manage to spend £900 a day on something that virtually runs itself, I shudder to think what the extra costs of introducing charges will be. Of course, there are political reasons to introduce charges and I feel that this is where the impetus comes from.
We should resist it. Simply put – what we have in Ely works – leave well alone!

S Gregg
Witcham
Ely

Nice u-turn, now for real test

Sir, I read that East Cambridgeshire District Council has performed a u-turn on the usage for the Maltings Cottage and this should be applauded – finally listening to the electorate!
Will the council continue to listen to the electorate and scrap the plans to move the leisure centre out of Ely and to the Downham Road site, as this is what most of the electorate wants?
Will the council also look at their unsuitable plans for the expansion of Ely North and the general expansion of Ely and stop following their false bible, The Ely Masterplan?
We are currently experiencing a drought in Cambridgeshire and this is placing a great deal of pressure on our farmers. While the shortage of water isn't affecting householders it is well publicised that the reservoirs are extremely low and should the current trend continue then, in future, any drought will have a huge impact on householders. This problems will be exacerbated if we invite a further 3,000 homes into Ely.
The council need to put the needs of the current residents first before embarking on a grand expansion plan. Ely cannot provide the level of jobs required now to satisfy the demand of its residents, with nearly 50 per cent having to commute to find suitable employment. The average price of a three-bed house in Ely is currently £192,500 which makes is unobtainable for most people working on an Ely salary which is why Ely has such a high level of commuters. Our transport network struggles to cope with the daily commuters with overcrowded trains, haemorrhaging road networks and a cut-back bus service forcing more people to use expensive fossil fuel-driven cars.
The council need a massive rethink on its future strategy and should address the transport and employment issues facing Ely before adding to the problems with an expansion plan.
I ask the council to look at making Ely more sustainable, providing local jobs to reduce the daily commute and ease the pressure on the transport network.
The council should throw their masterplan out of the window and rethink their whole strategy. They have proven they can perform a u-turn, now the need to pass the real test.

Unpopular?: An artist's impression of Ely's new leisure centre

Stephen Germeney
Christopher Tye Close
Ely

We must think of the future

Sir, I had to reply to Peter Moakes's letter ('Parking debate has to be seen in context', *Weekly News*, June 23) regarding the car parking and future of Littleport.
It's certainly good to read that the ECDC do es not have any intention of enforcing parking charges on the village. I have had many people who agreed with my statement which I am sure was also a worry to every shopkeeper.
Littleport was at one time a very vibrant town and on a Saturday night it was almost impossible for people to walk in the street due to the volume of people that cycled up from the Fens to shop and meet other locals. Those days have gone and farming has become mechanised, requiring now only one person to 500 acres. The houses which were at one time used by workers remain, but the pattern of employment has totally changed due to the short-sightedness of various councils. Most of the residents, including those in the village, have to travel outside the area to obtain employment. There is only one large employer left as the Burberry factory closed some years ago, and they employed mostly female labour.
There has a been a succession of failed councils that have not grasped the problem and encouraged new employment into the town. The previous chief planner was totally against any large factory development and wanted the village to remain a dormitory to Ely. The village then loses its character as people leave it to travel to work and only return to sleep in their properties. This town has become similar to many outside London where people do not know their next door neighbours.
I visited Soham this week and went to their factory area, and was impressed with the number of people working. Littleport hasn't got anything like that.
It's about time the council and planners encouraged employment in the area which would once again keep the shops etc viable. I do not hold out much hope as once a company has applied to the area for a factory I understand that Ely will have first chance, without any consideration for the surrounding area. Is it not time now to consider the future of Littleport and allow it once again to thrive and prosper? I must hold my breath and hope!
Since I wrote my last letter, two more shops have been placed on the market, including one from Mr Moaks's predecessor.
That does not in itself give confidence to what he has said regarding the future of the village, when the ex-leader of the council is selling his property. If there are great expectations for the town perhaps this would not happen.
I hope in the future we will see a different attitude towards the town from the ECDC towards the village, who should stop insisting that this is only a dormitory to Ely.

G Spinks
Wellington Barns
Littleport

Cost is nowhere near £350,000

Sir, In the great parking debate, the council are asking us what we think before deciding anything. So let's actually think about it quite hard before we start making placards and storming The Grange!
There are two aspects – parking on our streets, and parking in council car parks, but only car park charges are grabbing headlines at the moment.
On our streets, many will welcome fines for commuter cars squatting in residential areas, parking on yellow lines or blocking driveways – especially near the station. This is a good move.
However, it is poppycock to claim council car parks cost £350k a year. It's a ghost in the accounts and no excuse for charges. The actual cash spent is £40k.
Why not lease the city's car parks to a trust or existing city charity. They would then be exempt from business rates and back office fees, ending the council's imaginary cost and people could carry on parking regardless!
Even so, Ely may benefit from a few parking meters. In selected hot spots in the town centre (including Market Square when empty) charging a penny a minute after allowing 20mins free parking could actually mean easier parking and more shoppers!
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Tom Clarke
Prickwillow Road,
Ely

Dancing better than budgets

Sir, Having read former Councillor Peter Cresswell's letter (June 30) slating Fred Brown's leadership of the district council, I feel sure some Greek blood must flow in Peter's veins.
How I wish I'd voted for him as leader instead of Fred when I was a fellow councillor. It would have been so much more fun dancing the lambada in Market Place to Peter's tune, instead of putting up with Fred's annoying obsession with the budget crisis.

Jackie Petts
Former district councillor
Ely East

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Diners sign up for Ouse cruise

BY JORDAN DAY

Email: editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk

CUSTOMERS at a restaurant are being invited to enjoy a boat trip along the River Great Ouse.

The Swan Restaurant and Bar in Littleport has started running its own boat tours and will be offering customers private boat trips during the summer.

Michael Walker, who re-opened the restaurant last August after refurbishing it, bought the boat, Blue Bayou, from Michigan, America.

After being shipped to the UK, it is now ready to use on the Ouse.

Mr Walker said: "We decided to get Blue Bayou just as an extra treat for our diners really.

"We feel it makes us stand out from the majority of local restaurants. It's very much a summer boat so throughout the summer, weather permitting, we're going to be running scheduled trips throughout the afternoons.

"The idea is that people can hop on board either before or after their meal, with a drink and their family and friends, and just sit back and relax.

"I'll be navigating the boat so all people have to do is sit back.

"We also hope people will hire Blue Bayou for parties and other events, which would be a really special treat."

For more information, visit the restaurant, in Sandhill, Littleport, or phone (01353) 861677.

All aboard: the Blue Bayou sets out for another trip on the Great Ouse with customers from the Swan Restaurant and Bar in Littleport.

Picture: Keith Heppell 748727

Brakes lead to trailer fire

FIREFIGHTERS were called out to the A142 Soham bypass on Sunday after a trailer caught fire.

One crew from Soham and another crew from Ely attended the incident just after 4.15pm and used two hose reels to extinguish the flames.

The fire is believed to have been caused by the trailer's brakes overheating.

School calls on sunlight

A VILLAGE primary school could be about to become more eco-friendly.

Leaders at Wilburton Primary School in Carpond Lane, Wilburton, have applied for planning permission to install solar panels on the roof of the school hall.

The planning application has been submitted to East Cambridgeshire District Council and a decision could be made within the next eight weeks.

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Thank-you all Graham and Brenda

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Births

Emma and Trevor

Congratulations on the birth of your son OWEN DAVID 8lb 8ozs on Thursday June 30th

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Deaths

BARNES. Clifford of Hillrow Causeway, formerly of Station Road, Haddenham, passed peacefully away at Hinchingbrooke Hospital, Huntingdon, on Friday, June 24th, 2011, aged 81 years. Dearly loved husband of Pat, loving father of Ian and Joann, grandad to Megan, Jody and Thomas and brother of Brenda. Committal service at Cambridge City Crematorium, West Chapel, on Monday, July 11th, at 11.15am, followed by a service of thanksgiving at Holy Trinity Church, Haddenham, at 12.30pm. Family flowers only, donations if desired for Hinchingbrooke Health Care Trust will be gratefully received at the thanksgiving service or c/o A G Carter Funeral Director, 6 Froize End, Haddenham, Cambs, CB6 3UQ. Tel: 01353 740251.

MANSFIELD. Christine otherwise known as 'Ducks' or 'Tweedle' to her friends. Sadly passed away on Sunday, June 26th, 2011. Dear mother to Sharlene, Wayne and Kayleigh and nanny to Hannah, Ethan and Luke. With fond memories and in our hearts always. All enquiries to C E Fuller & Co, 23 Hall Street, Soham. CB7 5BN. Tel: (01353) 720439.

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WARD. Arthur (Archie). Brenda, Barry, Peter and Christine would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral service and for all cards and letters of sympathy received in his memory. Your support and kind thoughts have been very much appreciated at this sad time. A very special thanks to the Carers at Baird Lodge, Ely, who looked after our dad so well and with such kindness. Thanks also to Belinda for her help and support and the kitchen staff who prepared the meals he loved, also the District Nurses for their daily visits, care and attention. Thank you all for making his final days so comfortable.

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Signs of the times for bus passengers

BY JORDAN DAY

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BUS users in Ely are now able to see exactly when their transport will be arriving.

New electronic display boards have been installed at the four bus stops in Ely's Market Street.

The screens, known as real-time passenger information (RTPI), are similar to the overhead signs at train stations, in that they give passengers a due time for their bus.

The displays, which are being installed, tested and commissioned over the next three weeks, will provide real time information for Stagecoach services 9 and 12 and the Whippet service 19.

The work is being carried out by Cambridgeshire County Council and Vix Technology.

Cllr Steve Criswell, the county council's cabinet member for community infrastructure, said: "This will be a major improvement for anyone using buses in Ely and will cut out the frustration sometimes involved in waiting.

"We hope real time will make bus travel easier to use, encourage more people to take it and leave the car at home.

"We have been rolling out real-ime across the county over recent months as the technology has huge benefits for passengers."

The £22,000 project is part of the transport strategy for Ely and has been funded from central funding for Cambridgeshire. It is part of the plan to extend the RTPI service to the outlying communities.

There are approximately 100 RTPI signs around Cambridgeshire, including all the park-and-ride sites, with 30 more signs being installed for the Guided Busway.

All Stagecoach services, Whippet services and park and ride services are now covered by the RTPI system. Passengers can also view real time information from their computer or their mobile by visiting *www.cambridgeshirebus.info.*

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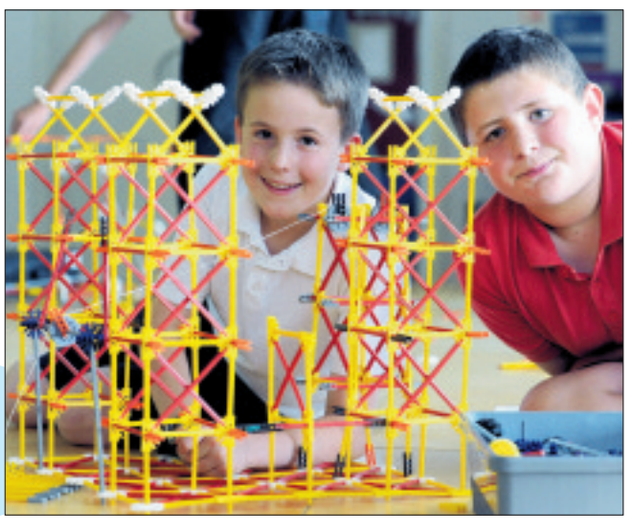
Pupils are kings of the castles



Budding builders: Robert Arkenstall Primary School pupils William Holmes-Chatfield, left, and Geoge Tietz.

Picture: Keith Heppell 749833.

PRIMARY school pupils put their construction skills to the test by building their own castles.

A K'NEX challenge was held at Robert Arkenstall Primary School in Haddenham last Thursday.

Two teams of youngsters from Robert Arkenstall, Witchford Rackham, Little Thetford, Mepal and Witcham, Stretham and Wilburton primary schools took part in the challenge.

The teams were given an hour and 15 minutes to build the most impressive castle they could – and their building had to have a working drawbridge.

The winning team was from Little Thetford Primary School.

Dominic Sharp, head of Robert Arkenstall, said: "I was really impressed with all the castles and the children seemed to love building them.

"A team from Little Thetford won the challenge for the second year running, so congratulations to them."

School golf day brings in charity cash

GOLFERS used their best swing to raise about £2,000 for charity.

The King's School Ely held its annual charity golf day recently, which attracted around 30 players to the Ely City Golf Club.

Now in its fifth year, the event culminated at the driving range and nine-hole course at the city's On-Par golf course, owned by Graham Mawe, which was ravaged by fire earlier this year.

Partnered by Malcolm Baker and Ian Macrae, his team won the competition by a comfortable margin ahead of Mel Pryer, Nigel Rogerson and Alan Richardson.

The Head of King's, Sue Freestone, was represented by a team led by her husband Rupert, partnered by King's housemaster Kevin Shaw and Year 10 student Toby Rudkin.

She was at the club to watch them start their round. They took third place. The event ended with a dinner for players and guests in the school's Monastic Barn in which Mrs Freestone presented prizes to the winners.

Benefits fraudster got more than £1,000

A WOMAN received more than £1,000 in housing benefit and council tax benefit that she was not entitled to.

Sarah Firth, 39, was overpaid £921.60 in housing benefit and £506.21 in council tax benefit between May 23, 2010 and December 21, 2010.

Firth, of Lynn Road, Littleport, appeared at Cambridge Magistrates' Court and pleaded guilty to a charge of failing to promptly notify in the prescribed manner a change in circumstances affecting your entitlement to benefit, which you knew would affect your entitlement and which you were required to notify.

Magistrates fined her £100 and ordered she pay £300 towards the prosecution costs.

Funding blow for pupil bike safety

BY JORDAN DAY

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A SCHEME which sees thousands of primary schoolchildren being taught lifesaving road safety knowledge has had its funding axed.

For years, Cambridgeshire County Council has run its free Safer Cycling Scheme in primary schools across the region.

Trained volunteers go into the schools and teach children all about safe cycling on Cambridgeshire's roads.

But now schools have been told that as of next year, they will have to pay £10 per pupil if they want to benefit from the scheme.

Liberal Democrat district Cllr Ian Allen, who lives in Witchford, has been a Safety Cycling Scheme volunteer at Witchford Rackham Primary School, for more than 15 years.

He insists the council's move is putting children's lives at risk.

Mr Allen said: "This is terrible.

"I have been a volunteer with the scheme for more than 15 years and have seen the huge benefits it has.

"We teach children how to be safe whilst out on their bikes and if children are not taught this, their lives are at risk.

"Schools are pushed enough financially as it is and the council should not be forcing schools to pay.

"If schools cannot afford it then I strongly believe the council is putting children's lives at risk.

"Surely there are other areas the council can make the savings instead of something as drastic as this."

The scheme teaches thousands of children every year.

Nicola Jones, head at Mepal and Witcham Primary School, said: "We're so disappointed.

"We've taken part in the scheme for years as it's so successful.

"The volunteers teach children how to be safe on our roads and unfortunately we will not be able to afford to pay for it.

"It's extremely worrying and I would urge the county council to look at the long-term affects this could have on our children."

A county council spokesman said: "In common with many services, the county council is no longer able to fully fund Cycle Training Services due to current budget pressures.

"A small charge will, therefore, be made to cover administration and monitoring costs.

"We have tried to keep our costs as low as possible and our charges compare well with those for schemes run by other authorities."

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Teenagers set for Rave in the Nave event

HUNDREDS of teenagers will be gathering at Ely Cathedral on July 15 for a Christian youth event.

The Diocese of Ely is holding its annual 'Rave in the Nave' party – which will attract young people aged 12-19 from across the region.

As ever, the cathedral will be transformed into a young people's haven, complete with inflatables, live music, interactive activities, a barbecue – and this year there will be a special Doctor Who theme.

Rave in the Nave celebrates its 19th anniversary this year.

The event runs from 7.15-12pm and as ever, police and security will be present.

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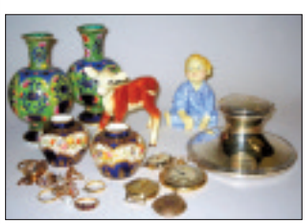

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Bid to install solar panels

A VILLAGE community building could soon boast solar panels on its roof.

Mepal Parish Council wants to install 16 solar panels on the roof of Mepal Community Pavilion, in Witcham Road, Mepal.

The council has applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission and a decision could be made within the next eight weeks.

To view the plans, go to *www.east cambs.gov.uk*

Crew tackles crop fire

A CROP in a field in Haddenham went up in flames on Saturday.

The standing crop patch, which measured 50m by 50m, was tackled by one fire engine from Coton and one from Ely at 5pm.

They used two hose reels and beaters as well as an aqua pack to bring it under control by 5.30pm and had returned to the station by 6.15pm.

It was believed to have been started accidentally and there were no casualties.

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Tractor boy: Henry Edwards tries out a toy tractor, right – as the real thing stands in the background. Left, time to relax during the busy day for one Ted Ayres.

Pictures: Keith Jones 750913/750904.

Keeping cool: an ice cream does the trick for Jack Bryant, below left, while Alfie Riches leaps into action, below right.

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Showcase event brings the families flocking

THOUSANDS of people descended in Pymoor on Saturday for the village's annual agricultural and country show.

People of all ages flocked to the event, which, now in its 13th year, is one of the highlights of the Fens' calendar.

In the main arena, families were entertained with Jive Pony displays – gymnasts performing while riding horses – lurcher racing and vintage vehicle parades.

There was also a pet dog show, performances by local dance troops and clay pigeon shooting.

For man's best friend, there was also an entertaining dog scurry for them to take part in and a dog agility challenge.

As if that wasn't enough, there were also cooking demonstrations, fairground rides, circus workshops, bouncy castles, vehicle displays, craft stalls, beer tents, trade stands and a livestock area, complete with alpacas, chickens and lambs to investigate.

As ever, the show was raising much-needed funds for local charities.

For more information, visit *www.pymoorshow.com.*

Libraries update lending

SOHAM and Littleport libraries are soon to have new self-service technology installed.

Both libraries will be closed for a week for the gadgets to be fitted, creating a service which relies less on paid staff and more on machines and volunteers.

Where the technology has already been installed, such as at Cambridge's Central Library and Ely Library, more than 90 per cent of transactions out are carried out using the equipment, including issues, returns, renewals and payments.

Littleport Library will close on August 15 and Soham's will shut on September 12.

Cllr David Harty, Cambridgeshire County Council's learning chief, said: "The equipment is easy to use and library staff will be on hand to help people using it.

"We apologise for any inconvenience while the work is being carried out."

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School praised in Ofsted report

BY JORDAN DAY

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GOVERNMENT inspectors have rated a village primary school as 'satisfactory' overall – but insist the school is improving.

Teachers at Littleport Community Primary School have just received the results of their latest Ofsted inspection, in which the school was rated as 'good' and 'satisfactory' in all areas.

Despite still being judged as an overall satisfactory school, inspectors say there are many areas where the school has improved from satisfactory to good.

Assessors also said the school's capacity for sustained improvement is 'good'.

Their report said: "Littleport Community is an improving school that has successfully overcome earlier weaknesses in teaching, especially in years 3 to 6, which resulted in a fall in pupils' standards of work.

"The concerted efforts of the headteacher and staff, well supported by an active governing body, have considerably improved most aspects of school provision.

"Parents recognise these improvements and appreciate the welcoming and inclusive learning environment the school provides."

Pupils' attainment, the quality of their learning and the extent to which they enjoy their learning were all marked as satisfactory.

The extent to which pupils feel safe, their behaviour, the extent to which they adopt healthy lifestyles and the extent to which pupils contribute to the school and the wider community were all marked as good.

The inspectors said: "School improvements have created an atmosphere in which pupils feel safe and want to learn.

"Pupils enjoy their lessons and have positive relationships with their teachers and each other.

"The school has well-established and effective provision in the Early Years Foundation Stage and is building a potentially good team of experienced and recently qualified teachers and support staff in years 1 to 6.

"This team has developed a good curriculum that successfully engages and involves pupils in their learning."

The school's staff and governing body were also judged to be improving.

The report added: "The governing body is actively involved in the life of the school and participates fully in monitoring and evaluating school practice.

"Working with the headteacher and staff, it has an accurate and realistic picture of the school's strengths and those areas needing improvement."

Head teacher Lesley Plant said: "I am very pleased that the report accurately reflects the many areas of significant progress made by the school.

"In particular, Ofsted noted our school 'gives a rapidly improving education' and endorses the school's capacity for sustained improvement.

"Perhaps most rewarding the report also confirms that 'school improvements have created an atmosphere in which pupils feel safe and want to learn'. The school continues to be strongly committed to raising standards and will continue to strive towards ever improving the education for all of the pupils in our care."

Car crash trial awaits reports

BY JORDAN DAY

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A MAN who appeared in court charged with two counts of causing death by dangerous driving is yet to plead after the case was adjourned for psychological reports.

Ben Edwards, of Northfield Road, Soham, is accused of causing the deaths of Paul Adams, 40, and his partner, Kathryn Dunn, 26, following a collision on the A142 Fordham bypass in 2007.

The 25-year-old was due to face a plea and directions appearance, but the case was adjourned at Cambridge Crown Court to allow for two psychological reports to be submitted.

Mark Shelley, defending, told the court the reports would reveal details about the injuries Edwards sustained in the crash.

Judge Anthony Bate fixed the case to be resumed on September 2 and said: "At that stage we should be in a position to make substantial progress."

Edwards is alleged to have been driving a Mercedes SLK dangerously when it was in collision with the couple's Mercedes.

Mr Adams and Miss Dunn were on their way to Gatwick Airport for a holiday in the Caribbean when the collision occurred.

He was released on unconditional bail.

Lions players celebrate landmark date

On the ball: Littleport Lions korfball players line up. CP.

A KORFBALL club is celebrating its milestone 10th anniversary this summer.

The Littleport Lions Korfball Club was set up in the summer of 2001 and in the last decade, more than 100 players have played for the team.

It was the first team to be set up outside of Cambridge in the Cambridge shire Korfball League.

Korfball is a mixed-gender team sport, similar to netball and basketball.

A spokesman for the club said: "The last 10 years have flown by and it's hard to believe it's been so long.

"The club keeps growing from strength to strength and we hope more and more people will continue to give Korfball a go."

For more information about the club, call Tom on 07791 890721 or visit *www.littleport-lions.co.uk.*

New classrooms bid at school

STUDENTS at Soham Village College could soon be studying in new classrooms.

The school's governors want to build five new classrooms and have applied to East Cambridgeshire District Council for planning permission.

If approved, they will replace temporary classrooms.

A spokesman for the school said: "We will seek funding from the Government and the buildings will be situated between the new performing arts faculty and St Andrew's Primary School."

Earlier this year, the college was successful in applying to the Department for Education for academy status.

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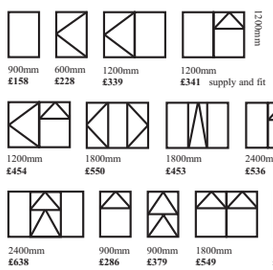

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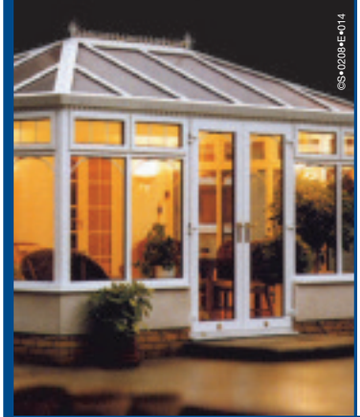

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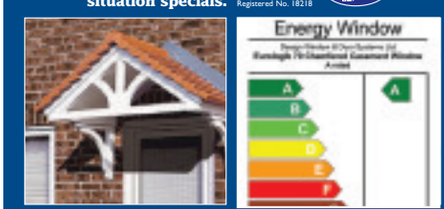

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Pet hates? Ill mannered and inconsiderate people.
Guilty pleasure? Red wine.
Favourite book/movie: Book – *The History of Mr Polly* by H.G. Wells. Movie – *Ben Hur*.

Favourite holiday destination: No particular place that I go to on a regular basis, but holidays in various parts of France have been most enjoyable, with Lake Annecy the most recent.
Your hero Keith Pollard (former teacher in Chesterfield.)
Four people you'd invite to dinner Graham Norton, Victoria Wood, Jonathan Agnew and Peter Alliss.
What would your super-power be? Provide dignified care for the elderly where it is needed.
What three possessions would you take with you to a desert island? My collection of Chesterfield FC programmes, my father's wartime letters and diaries and a radio.
If you ruled the country for a day what would you do? Force all politicians to answer questions in a straightforward and honest way.
What do you love most about living in Soham? It is indefinable but I came as a young headteacher in 1981, expecting to stay about four years and 30 years on my wife and I are still here. It is probably the friends we have made.

Who would you like to spend Two Minutes With? Let us know and we'll put the questions to them. Email *editorial@elyweeklynews.co.uk*

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Aldreth

GARDEN GLORY: A garden in Aldreth will be open to the public again this weekend. Ty Gwyn, in The Borough, will be open from 10am-5pm on Saturday and Sunday, July 9 and 10.
Sian and Mark Hugo take part in the National Gardens Scheme, helping to raise money for charities.
As ever, there will be lots to see, including the couple's free-range chickens and fair trade gift shop. For more information, phone (01353) 740586.

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BEER BONANZA: Quench your thirst at the Townhouse pub in Ely.
The city's pub, in Market Street, is holding a summer beer festival from today until Sunday.
A wide variety of beers and real ales will be on offer from 11am each day.
On Saturday, there will also be a hog roast and barbecue from 3pm. For more information, phone (01353) 664 338.
TOYE STORY: Jonathan Toye will be guest speaker at the next Ely Society talk.
He will be hosting a lecture on Wednesday, July 13 entitled 'About an exchange with Finist, based in Novosibirsk, Siberia in the remote Altai Republic'.
The talk is being held at the Methodist Hall in Ely's Chapel Street at 7.30pm.
Members and non-members are welcome.
TEA-MENDOUS: A strawberry tea party was held at the Masonic Hall in Ely's Silver Street on Saturday.
Residents enjoyed cream teas and slices of homemade cakes, with all funds raised going to Breast Cancer Care.
COFFEE MATES: The Friends of Ely Library are holding a coffee morning on Saturday.
The event will run at the library, in The Cloisters, from 10am-noon and all are welcome. There will also be a free jigsaw exchange.

Soham

ALL'S FAIR AT PRIMARY: St Andrew's Primary School in Soham is holding its annual summer fair on Saturday.
Running on the school field from noon-2pm, there will be all the usual fete activities, including a variety of games, fairground rides, face-painting, trade stalls, a bouncy castle and a barbecue.

Farewell: Colleagues give retained firefighter Steve Jarvis a good send-off. Picture: CP

Steve bows out in a blaze of glory

A DEDICATED firefighter has decided to hang up his uniform after an impressive 31 years with the service.

Steve Jarvis, 56, has been battling blazes in Soham and the surrounding villages ever since he joined as a retained firefighter in 1980, aged 25.

Now three decades later, Mr Jarvis, who lives with his wife, Jane, and three sons in Clay Street, Soham, has decided to call it a day. Mr Jarvis, whose father was also in the fire service, said: "It's going to be very strange not going down to the station and I'll miss all the lads.

"I've made some brilliant friends in the fire service and the years have flown by, with lots of good memories.

"I just feel now is the right time to leave – I want to spend more time with my family and hope to be able to get out on my motorbike and go fishing more."

A presentation and farewell ceremony was made to Mr Jarvis at Soham Town Rangers Football Club last Friday.

A visiting circus will also be on site and will perform two shows on Saturday at 2pm and 5pm and one on Sunday at 2pm.
SALVATION SONGS: The Cambridge Salvation Army band and songsters are performing in Soham on Sunday, July 10.
Members of the Soham Salvation Army are welcoming them at the Walter Gidney Pavilion at 2pm.
All are welcome to the concert.
A NICE WALK: On June 20, 40 walkers met at the church for the Heartbeat Health Walk. David Clark was the leader with Laurie Budd at the back.
The walk of three miles around Soham was enjoyed by everyone. A stop was made at The Ship, Saucemegabites or The Cafe for refreshments.
SCRABBLE CLUB: Ten members met in Soham Library on Thursday afternoon. Refreshments were served during the meeting. New members are welcome.
The next meetings are on Thursday, July 14 and Wednesday, July 20 starting at 2.30pm.
OVERS 60S CLUB: Mrs Ruth Ginn welcomed everyone to the last meeting.
Two thank-you letters were read out, one from Sheila Rayner from the Cinnamon Trust thanking the club for the donation of £50 and one from Scotsdales for their donation of £50.
Birthday greetings were sung to Mary Ames before the speaker was introduced.
Ruth welcomed Mike Rouse, who gave a very interesting and amusing talk about evacuees from the East End of London coming to Soham and the surrounding villages.
Ruth thanked Mike on behalf of the members. Sheila Knight organised the raffle and the ladies served tea and biscuits.
On Friday, members went on a mystery tour.
COOKERY DEMONSTRATION: Mrs Joy Ames welcomed everyone to the cookery demonstration on Friday evening with Shirley Bavester and Sylvia Audus.
A lazy lasange was the first dish of the evening cooked by Shirley, who also told some humorous tales.
Sylvia made a pavlova and chocolate chip cookies.
Shirley's second dish was a sweet and sour chicken stir-fry.
Following the demonstration, everyone was invited to taste the dishes, which also included a vegetable lasange Shirley had made earlier.
Fruit juice was served with the food, which was all delicious.
Wendy Beeton thanked the ladies, who were each presented with a plant.
Arlene King and Ann Willet organised the raffle.
Proceeds from the evening will go to purchasing equipment for the new kitchen.
The next event will be a garden party at the home of Debbie and Colin Bullman, being held on Saturday from 2-4pm. Phone 01223 434325.

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Trophies: award winners from the Viva Youth Theatre. CP.

Silverware for young stage stars

YOUNG actors and actresses were the stars of the show at the Viva Youth Theatre group's annual awards ceremony.

Hundreds of people attended the Soham-based organisation's glitzy event at The Brook, Soham, last Sunday.

Among the guests was South East Cambridgeshire MP Jim Paice and Cllr Tony Parramint, chairman of East Cambridgeshire District Council.

More than 20 awards were presented on the night, including the Viva Theatre Company's Member of the Year award, which went to Esther Hillier.

Mikey Kowalczyk won the Viva Youth Theatre Trustees Award for Leadership.

Viva's next production is *Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change*, which is being staged at The Brook from August 2-4.

The group will then be performing it at the prestigious Edinburgh Fringe Festival in August.

District gets boost from health study

BY JORDAN DAY

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PEOPLE in the Ely area are healthier than the national average – and deprivation is lower.

However, the number of obese children and young people in East Cambridgeshire is still high – and councillors are vowing to help tackle the problem.

The findings have been published in the 2011 Health Profile for East Cambridgeshire, which provides councils and organisations with information to help improve their population's health.

According to the study, the health of East Cambridgeshire residents is better than the average in England and deprivation is lower than average.

However, the report says there are still 1,780 children living in poverty.

Life expectancy for both men and women is higher than the national average, and in the last 10 years, mortality rates have fallen.

Early death rates from cancer, strokes and heart disease have also fallen and are better than the national average.

In East Cambridgeshire, around 17.3 per cent of year 6 children are classified as obese.

Although lower than the national average, the figure is still high and people are being urged to promote more physical activity among the youngsters.

The report also showed that an estimated 23 per cent of adults are obese and that 19.3 per cent of adults smoke.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman East Cambridgeshire District Council's community and environment sub-committee, said: "In this year's figures, we can see how the health of people in the district is better than average, deprivation is lower than average and life expectancy is also higher than the average.

"However, we should not ignore the levels of obesity which the research reveals in our district.

"The report tells us that 17.3 per cent of 10 to 11-year-olds and 23 per cent of adults in the district are obese.

"While these are below the national average it reminds us that we need to focus our efforts, with our partners, to encourage more and more of our population to become physically active to relieve the strain on future health services."

The profile shows 79.7 per cent of mothers initiate breastfeeding and 11.4 per cent of expectant mothers smoke during pregnancy.

Priorities set for East Cambridgeshire also include addressing local health inequalities and forming more partnerships to meet the needs of an ageing population.

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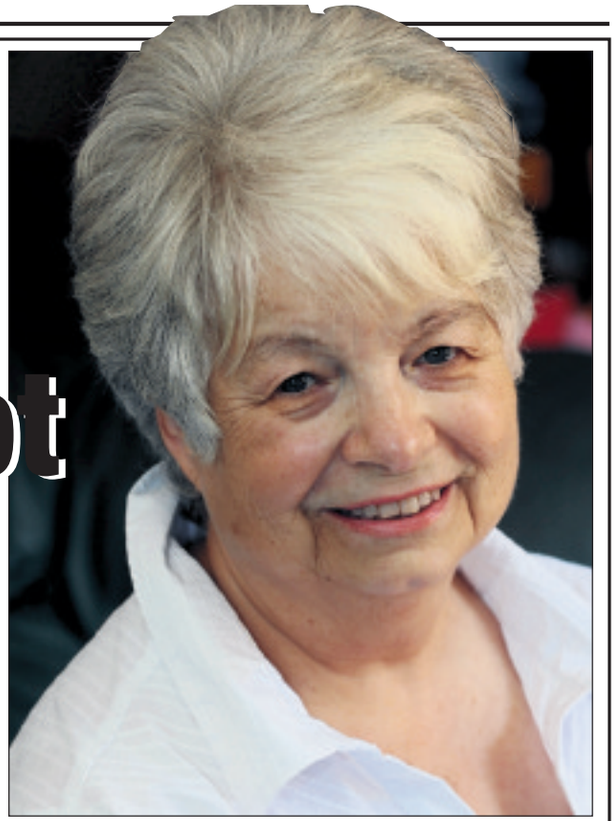

Lifelong learning: Janet Tassell has earned a degree at the age of 71.

Picture: Warren Gunn 748614.

BY JORDAN DAY

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GREAT-grandmother Janet Tassell may be 71, but she isn't thinking about retiring just yet.

In fact, Mrs Tassell has just graduated from The Open University with a bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

She works as a support worker for the Cambridgeshire Youth Offending Service, a post she has held for the past seven years, and decided to start studying for her degree three years ago.

Mrs Tassell, of Beresford Road, Ely, said: "I suppose most people think that once you turn 65, you've got to retire and put your feet up.

"But for me, an age means nothing. I might be getting older but I don't feel like an old woman yet and I don't want to start living like one."

Mrs Tassell, who has four children, three grandchildren and one great-grandchild, has been a social and support worker for more than 30 years.

She said: "I don't plan to retire any time soon.

"I love my job – it's so rewarding helping young people get their lives back on track.

"I decided to study for my degree as it's something I've always wanted to do.

"The Open University's great as it enables you to study around your everyday life."

However, Mrs Tassell, who lives with her husband, Richard, who is now retired, said it hasn't been easy.

She said: "I couldn't have done it without the support of my family and my bosses at work.

"There was so much reading involved and I needed a lot of help to get me up and running on the internet and typing up my essays.

"I didn't know where to start at first but my children and grandchildren helped me all the way.

"Obviously I'm pleased with myself but I don't see it as anything extraordinary, like people keep telling me it is.

"I'd urge everyone to give it a go – your age doesn't matter. You've just got to get stuck in and get on with it."

Mrs Tassell will be attending her graduation ceremony in September.

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Grants will help finish community centre work

A VILLAGE community centre is one step closer to being reopened with a fresh new look.

East Cambridgeshire District Council has awarded a £3,000 grant to Littleport Parish Council towards finishing off the renovation project at Black Horse Drove Community Centre.

The community centre, which is owned by the parish council, has been undergoing an extensive revamp.

The parish council has also been awarded a further £3,337 from the district council to help improve the centre's kitchen.

The funding has come from the council's section 106 fund.

Sutton Bowls Club has also been awarded £1,800 to put towards buying a new bowls club carpet and the City of Ely Council has received £1,808 to put towards paying for the new flagpole which has been put up in Ely's Market Place.

Cllr Richard Hobbs, chairman of the district council's community and environment sub-committee, said: "It is great that the Community Facilities Fund has again been able to fund a vast range of projects this month.

"The money available is thanks to the negotiation skills of various councils across the district as developers have built homes and offices in East Cambridgeshire.

"It is right that physical growth helps to provide the basis to support the aspirations and needs of communities and I hope many more projects and schemes can be helped over the next few years."

Co-op till system is praised

A SELF-scan till system in use at Anglia Co-operative's food store in Littleport has earned major plaudits.

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She's back on the dancefloor

Scouting for Girls with Sophie Ellis-Bextor, Audley End House, Saturday, July 16. Tickets from £30.50 from ***www.picnicconcerts.com***

SOPHIE Ellis-Bextor's latest album continues the neat line in sophisticated, grown-up disco she's been crafting for herself since releasing the likes of *Murder On The Dancefloor* and *Take Me Home* in 2001.

Make A Scene, her fourth long-player, was released earlier this month, although it was actually finished more than a year ago.

But thanks to a little label wrangling, which resulted in Ellis-Bextor leaving Universal after a decade and setting up her own enterprise EBGBs (which stands for Ellis-Bextor Great Britain), it's only just out.

"It's a big thing to have done, leaving a major label, but exciting, and I'm feeling very good about things," she beams. "What we've managed to do in a year is amazing, and it's all been fairly smooth. Starting my own label is something I've wanted to do for a little while but the timing had to be right."

Early signs point to the 32-year-old's decision being a good one. *Make A Scene* went in at No 32 – more impressive than it might sound considering Take That released *Progress* on the same day, which flew to the top of the charts, while the Adele juggernaut shows no sign of slowing down.

"I was a little bit nervous but the album's been doing much better than I expected," she admits. "It feels like a relief and an achievement, and the team I've got around me I think is the best I've had. I'm very proud."

Recorded in fits and starts, *Make A Scene* sees the singer collaborate with the likes of Freemasons, Calvin Harris, Cathy Dennis, Metronomy, Richard X and Armin Van Buuren.

"I've not really stopped touring and recording for the past few years, so recording was sporadic," she says. "With the collaborations you can't always get everyone in one place."

While *Make A Scene* deals with its fair share of heartbreak and failed romance, in reality Ellis-Bextor is married with two children to The Feeling bassist Richard Jones and freely admits to being happier than ever.

And it's also proving to be a good summer for local Sophie Ellis-Bextor fans: earlier this month, she supported Erasure at their gig in Thetford Forest and, in two weeks' time, she'll be back in the area to join pop trio Scouting for Girls at the second of this summer's Picnic Concerts at Audley End.

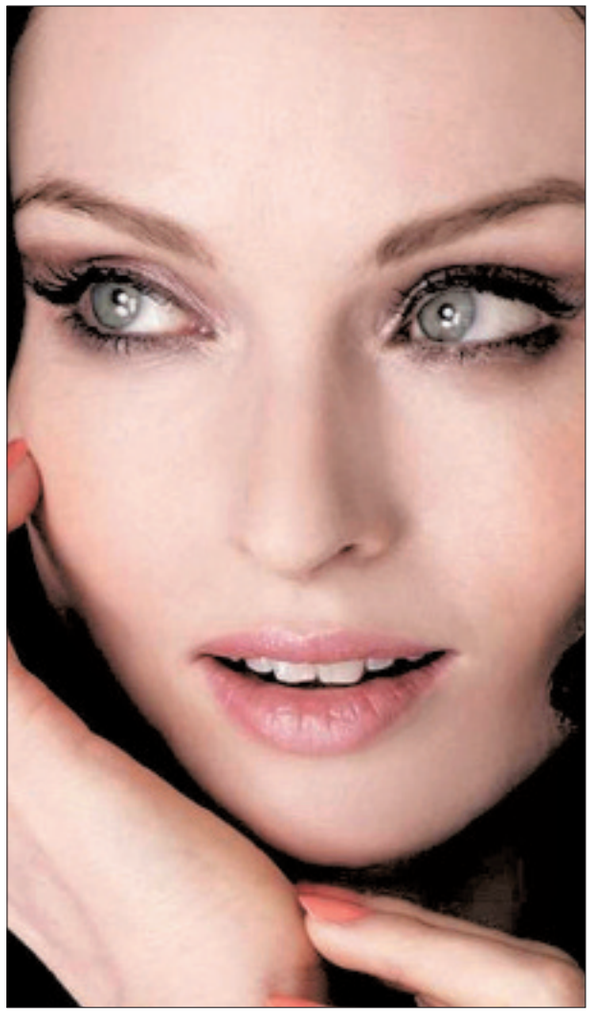
"It's lovely being out in the sunshine and surrounded by greenery, when everyone's in a really good mood," she says of these al fresco outings. "This is a very civilised tour – we're doing every Friday and Saturday, so we get a little time off inbetween."

After the tour is finished the singer, who shot to prominence after lending her lyrics and vocals to Italian DJ Spiller's *Groovejet*, does not want another delayed release, and is already planning to spend the autumn writing and recording her next batch of songs.

Four albums into her career, Sophie counts herself incredibly lucky.

"There is a lot of luck involved, which has only dawned on me in the past three or four years," she admits. "I think when you start out you think you're in control of everything and it's all your choice, but as I've got older I've realised that's not the case, and that's how it should be.

"I'm never going to grumble about anything, and I never want to feel like I'm owed anything. I think you should always be careful what you wish for, too, because you just might get it."



SOPHIE'S CHOICE: Sophie Ellis-Bextor is already planning to spend the autumn writing her next batch of songs.

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Brook goes Broadway!

MUSICAL lovers are in for a toe-tapping treat in Soham this month.

Broadway and Beyond, a thrilling show with a mix of music and wit from some of the most popular musicals of all time, is coming to The Brook on Friday, July 15.

Dan Schumann, director of The Brook, said: "Featuring songs from classic productions such as *Oklahoma!*, *Kiss Me Kate* and *The Music Man* through to more modern musicals like *Miss Saigon*, *The Producers* and *Spamalot*, there is something to charm and delight the whole family."

The show kicks off at 7.30pm. Tickets are £14.50 for adults and £12.50 for concessions. For tickets or more information, phone (01353) 721748 or (01353) 669759.

Art on show

ARTISTS Rika Newcombe and Michael Edwards are showcasing their work in Ely at the Old Fire Engine House in St Mary's Street from tomorrow until Sunday, July 31. Phone (01353) 662582 or visit *www.theoldfireenginehouse.co.uk*.

Silver summer

HILGAY Silver Band will be performing in Ely on Sunday. Members will be taking to the bandstand in Jubilee Gardens from 2.30pm-4.30pm as part of the city's summer Riverside Concerts programme.

SHAKEBEER: Members of Ely Amateur Dramatic Society staged *Romeo and Juliet* in the gardens of the Prince Albert pub

'Shakespeare with Beer' is a hit with pubgoers

MORE than 300 people enjoyed an outdoor production of Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet* in Ely.

Members of the Ely Amateur Dramatic Society performed the classic play in the gardens of the Prince Albert pub in Silver Street from June 29 to July 2.

Society spokesman Darren Smith said: "The aim was to produce an excellent piece of pub theatre or 'Shakespeare with Beer', as it soon was referred to, and it was brilliant.

"The show pulled in more than 300 people, who enjoyed the garden and the excellent weather.

"Ian and Tracy, the pub's landlord and landlady, provided a special theatre menu, and people dug in to their meals as the actors walked the set.

"The aim was to create a relaxed atmosphere in which people could enjoy one of the favourite Shakespeare texts."

For more information about the society, email *darren@elyads.co.uk* or visit *www.elyads.co.uk*.

'Massive' blues star bringing his UK tour to town

AUSTRALIAN singer-songwriter CW Stoneking is coming to Ely.

The world-famous blues singer and guitar and banjo player will be performing at St Peter's Church, in Broad Street, on Friday, July 15.

Joining him will be his backing band, the Primitive Horn Orchestra.

Caroline Cawley, marketing manager at ADeC, which is promoting Stoneking's visit, said: "His UK tour includes performances at Glastonbury, Latitude Festival, Womad and the Secret Garden Party.

"He has also been a featured artist on *Later With Jools Holland* and the Bob Harris show.

"Stoneking is massive and we can't wait to welcome him here in Ely."

To date, Stoneking has released two full-length albums of his original material, *King Hokum* and *Jungle Blues*.

Word described him as "The most authentic twenty-first century voodoo-jazz-blues-delta-dixie experience of them all".

Tickets for the concert are £14 and £12 for concessions and are available from ADeC by phoning (01353) 616991 or visiting *www.adec.org.uk*.

ON TOUR: CW Stoneking.

Cinema Listings

All times are PM unless otherwise statedTimes from July 8-July 14

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Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2 In 3D. (12A): Thu 12.05am (midnight)
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 2. (12A): Thu 12.10am
Harry Potter And The Philosopher's Stone (PG): Fri 2, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Chamber Of Secrets (PG): Sat 10.30am, 1.45, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Prisoner Of Azkaban (PG): Sun 10.50am, 2, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Goblet Of Fire (12A): Mon 2, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Order Of The Phoenix (12A): Tues 2, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Half-Blood Prince (12A): Wed 2, 5, 8.15
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows: Part 1 (12A): Thu 2, 5, 8.15
Transformers : Dark Of The Moon 3D (12A): Fri 2.20, 4.20, 5, 5.40, 7.40, 9 Sat-Sun 11am, 1, 2.20, 4.20, 5, 5.40, 7.40, 9 Mon-Tues 2.20, 4.20, 5, 5.40, 7.40, 9 Wed 2.20, 4.20, 5, 5.40, 9 Thu 2.20, 4.20, 5, 5.40, 7.40, 9
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Bridesmaids (15): Fri 2.50, 5.40, 8.30, 9.30 Sat-Sun 12.10, 2.50, 5.40, 8.30, 9.30 (subtitles Sun) Mon-Wed 2.50, 5.40, 8.30, 9.30 Thu 2.50, 5.40, 8.30
Green Lantern 3D (12A): Fri-Thu 7
Green Lantern (12A): Fri-Thu 4.30pm
Bad Teacher (15): Fri 2.10, 4.10, 6.45, 9.15 Sat-Sun 12noon, 2.10, 4.10, 6.45, 9.15 Mon 2.10, 4.10, 6.45, 9.15 Tues 2.10, 4.10, 9.15 Wed-Thu 2.10, 4.10, 6.45, 9.15
Kung Fu Panda 2 In 3D (PG): Fri 2.25 Sat-Sun 12noon, 2.25 (subtitles Sun) Mon-Thu 2.25
Kung Fu Panda 2 (PG): Fri 2.05, 4.10 Sat-Sun 11.45am, 2.05, 4.10 Mon-Thu 2.05, 4.10
Alpha And Omega (U): Sat 10am
Megamind (PG): Sat 10am
Yogi Bear (U): Sat 10am

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Gullivers Travels (PG): Sat-Sun 11am
Harry Potter And The Deathly Hallows – Part 1 (2D) & Part 2 (3D) Double Bill (12A): Thu 9.20
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Bad Teacher (15): Fri-Sat 9.20, 11.30 Sun-Wed 9.20 Thu 9.20, 11.30
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Diary Of A Wimpy Kid: Rodrick Rules (U): Sat-Sun 10.35am
Pirates Of The Caribbean: On Stranger Tides (12A): Sat 10.45am
Movies for juniors
Alpha And Omega (U): Sat 10am
Megamind (PG): Sat 10am
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The big film

LARRY CROWNE
certificate 12a 98m

TOM Hanks and Julia Roberts are two of the most successful actors of their generation.

Thanks to *Forrest Gump*, *Apollo 13* and the *Toy Story* trilogy, Hanks is one of the highest-grossing actors at the box office and Roberts was reportedly the first actress to command a fee of $20 million for a role. So they seem an unlikely choice to play characters who have fallen on hard times in this recession-themed romantic comedy directed by Hanks and co-written by Nia Vardalos (*My Big Fat Greek Wedding*).

In the case of the titular everyman, he overcomes redundancy by dressing 20 years younger, slicking up his hair, swapping his gas-guzzling car for a scooter and broadening his education.

Essentially, he gets down with the kids.

Larry Crowne (Hanks) works as a team leader at a superstore, where the staff adores him.

But he gets downsized because he has no educational qualifications and cannot climb the corporate ladder. Concerned about how he will pay the mortgage, Larry decides to broaden his skills base by enrolling for public speaking and economics classes. Larry meets feisty teacher Mercedes Tainot (Roberts), who is stuck in an unfulfilling marriage to her husband, Dean (Bryan Cranston).

Larry gains in confidence with encouragement from classmate Talia (Gugu Mbatha-Raw) and next-door neighbours Lamar (Cedric The Entertainer) and B'Ella (Taraji P Henson).

Eventually, he man musters the courage to ask Mercedes to join him on his haphazard journey of self-discovery.

Although there is no palpable screen chemistry between Hanks and Roberts, and neither actor is stretched by their role.

When Mercedes muses, "I wonder if I make a dollop of difference to anybody?", we have to regretfully concede that for us, she doesn't.

NAME GAME: How many four-letter words can you make from this famous Italian film star

Each letter may be used once only in each word. NOT admissible are abbreviations; prefixes; proper names; poetic short forms; plural and verb forms ending in 's'; foreign and dialectal words not in common English use; slang terms; and words that might make Granny blush. This week's pass mark is 141 words: five beginning with A, three with E, 22 with H, two with I, 22 with L, six with N, five with O, 29 with P, 16 with R and 31 with S.

Sophia Loren

Answers: Aeon, aloe, also, anil, apse. Ear, earn, epos. Hail, hair, hale, halo, hare, hard, harp, hasp, heal, heap, hear, heir, help, hero, hers, hire, hoar, hole, hone, hoop, hope, iota, lone, loon, loop, lope, lore, lose. Rail, rain, rape, rase, rash, rasp, real, reap, rein, rile, ripe, rise, roan, role, rope, rose. Sail, sale, sane, sarl, seal, sear, shea, shin, ship, shoe, shoo, shop, silo, sine, sire, slap, slip, sloe, slop, snap, snip, soap, soar, soil, sole, solo, soon, sore, span, spar, spin. Iira, iire, iisp, ioan, pool, poor, pore, polo, pone, pooh, plan, plea, pole, pier, pile, pine, pion, pern, peso, phon, pear, peon, pert, pane, pare, peal, Pail, pain, pair, pale, oral, one. Olio, opal, open, near, noil, nose. Nail, nape, neap, nose. Ilia, lire, lisp, loan, loin, lone, loon, loop, lope, lore, lose. pose, posh, proa.

Sudoku 13:
Place a number from 1 to 9 in each empty cell so that each 3x3 block, column, and full row includes each of the numbers from 1 to 9 only once.

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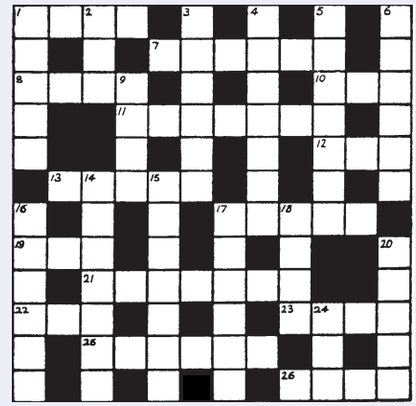
■ Last week's solution.

Crossword 2224



Across

1. Left vessel by bird. (4)
7. Is monkey able to make a cocktail nibble? (6)
8. It's brought back to once-Yugoslav statesman. (4)
10. Officer's information. (3)
11. Twist the sack for the wordy talker. (7)
12. Music of the atmosphere. (3)
13. Come first with editor, having had to drink. (5)
17. First to paint flower with non-poetic words. (5)
19. Bed must be firm and first to be tidy. (3)
21. Ice broke up about the Final, it being spring-like. (7)
22. Age showed in the only way once. (3)
23. Record goes back to school. (4)
25. Rug, say, ruined by one's sweet taste. (6)
26. Wager about a hit. (4)

Down

1. There's much to see in game of chance. (5)
2. Climb up hill to the rubbish. (3)
3. Swept film round, with cooking implement, to back study. (6)
4. Finding port in hot, shady retreat. (7)
5. Carries horse inside for people without money. (7)
6. Well-born people need information to test. (6)
9. Nothing fresh coming up as boy's name. (4)
14. Acute, say, in present or past perhaps. (7)
15. Forbidding movement of mob rage. (7)
16. Bill needs coin for manner of speech. (6)
17. Comes to an end, out reportedly with boys' names. (6)
18. Working with church in the past. (4)
20. Doctor to catch French artist. (5)
24. From where to drive for a drink, say. (3)

Solution 2223 – Across: 1. Canyon; 4. Agile; 8. Very well; 10. Rye; 11. Survival; 13. Ends;15. Nile; 16. Ravished; 19. Tan; 20. Rheostat; 22. Shame; 23. Barred. **Down:** 1. Charm; 2. Never never; 3. Ogresses; 5. Gel; 6. Easily; 7. Ewer; 9. Love letter; 12. Vendetta; 14. Trains; 17. Hoot; 18. Knead; 21. Hem.

FOUR Ws
1. 4 WHO created the silent clown Bip? WHAT type of creature is a mara? WHERE would you suffer the inflammation encephalitis? WHEN did the Prohibition of alcohol start in the USA? **2.** WHO wrote the tragedy Medea? WHAT is neutralised by degaussing? WHERE would you find the parliament known as the Folketing? WHEN was Henrik Ibsen's play *Hedda Gabler* first published? **3.** WHO is the Broadway accolade the Tony Award named after? WHAT do we call a fibrous skeleton of the fruit of Luffa cylindrica? WHERE did Norwegian Liv Arnesen become the first woman to reach alone? WHEN was Thomas Fairfax appointed commander of the New Model Army?

Answers: 1. Marcel Marceau; A rodent; The brain; 1920. **2.** Euripides; A magnetic field; Denmark; 1890. **3.** Antoinette Perry; A loofah; South Pole; 1645.

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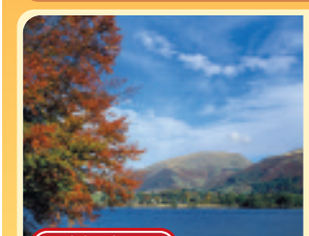

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The sweet smell of success

by Hannah Stephenson

THE myriad colours and delicious scent of the sweet pea have made this popular annual as synonymous with the summer cottage garden as the English rose.

These easy-to-grow climbers are at home in borders, weaving their way up wigwams and obelisks or scrambling through shrubs, or in the vegetable garden grown with green beans, encouraging pollinating insects to the area which will in turn create a better crop.

"The key to every sweet pea is the size of its root. The longer you can allow the roots to grow, the better blooms you will have during the summer," says Lady Ursula Cholmeley, owner and manager of Easton Walled Gardens in Lincolnshire, which raises hundreds of sweet pea plants from seed in the greenhouses. They can be seen in full bloom during Sweet Pea Week, which runs until Sunday.

Gardeners whose sweet peas are looking weak and wishy-washy should boost them with a foliar feed which they can attach to they garden hose or dilute with water in a watering can. A feed such as Growmore is ideal, she says.

"However, if you've prepared the soil well beforehand, adding plenty of organic matter, you shouldn't need to feed them," she notes.

You can sow them twice a year, once in late autumn and again in spring, to ensure a succession of blooms throughout the summer. Autumn-sown plants flower in early summer, spring-sown varieties later on in the summer.

Sow sweet peas in autumn in a cool greenhouse or cold frame in regular potting compost. Once the seedlings start to grow they need to be kept as small as possible, so avoid giving them any warmth.

They can be planted out in spring, from March onwards, in a sunny position, and will withstand light frost but not a more severe hoar frost, so keep a check on weather forecasts and protect them with horticultural fleece if a harsh frost is predicted.

Spring-sown varieties can be sown directly into the ground and should flower later on in the summer.

At Easton Walled Gardens, spread over 12 acres, more than 50 types of sweet pea – heritage, modern, scented, striped, edged and bi-colour – are displayed on canes, drums and wigwams throughout the pickery (cut flower garden), vegetable and cottage gardens.

All sweet peas need to be staked and many gardeners use wigwams or other supports to show them to their best. However, the plants can only cling to narrow supports, says Cholmeley.

"Sweet peas cannot climb up bamboo because it's too wide for their tendrils, so you need to put netting around a wigwam. They need full sun to develop their scent.

"There are various theories that if you cut off the tendrils and tie them in, all the energy will be going into flowering and leaf production. Some growers restrict the plants to one stem, which will give them less blooms, but much bigger flowers."

If scent is your main priority, good varieties include Matucana, a deep purple and maroon variety, and Painted Lady, an attractive pink and white bi-colour from the 18th century.

Among Cholmeley's favourites is Promise, which is pink and white, and the deep red Winston Churchill.

Don't plant them with anything which is going to compete for nutrients, she advises. Good plant partners include annuals such as Gilia tricolor, Iceland poppies or salvias, or perennials including alchemilla and catmint.

Avoid placing them next to crocosmias, which carry a virus that will spread to the sweet peas causing yellow mottling on the plants.

Of course, the more you cut sweet peas, the more they will flower. Never let them go to seed or that sends a message to the plant that flowering is over.

Don't try to arrange them neatly in a vase – it's nigh on impossible – just bunch the cut blooms together and let them go their own way. They may only last a couple of days but the scent will permeate your rooms.

Many gardeners report little black beetles (pollen beetles) in the flowers, which puts them off cutting them for indoors.

"If you have this problem, when you pick them put them into a dark place with one light source (they are attracted to light), then they will head towards that light source and you can take the flowers into the house."

The beetles are also attracted to yellow flowers, so consider growing a 'sacrifice plant' such as a hypericum with large, bright yellow flowers, next to the sweet peas.

At Easton Walled Gardens, the sweet peas are rotated as you would vegetables, to avoid a build-up of disease, but Cholmeley says she knows people who have planted their sweet peas in the same place every year with success.

For more information go to *www.eastonwalledgardens.co.uk*

BLOOMING LOVELY: Sow sweet peas in the autumn in a cool greenhouse or cold frame in regular potting compost.

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SATURDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. With guest chefs Nathan Outlaw and Angela Hartnett.
11.30 The Good Cook.
12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
12.10 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Qualifying. Live coverage from Silverstone (start-time 1.00pm).
2.40 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Frther coverage of the third round at the Castle Stuart Golf Links in Inverness.
5.20 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
5.40 Walk on the Wild Side.
6.10 Total Wipeout.
7.10 Tonight's the Night.
8.10 The National Lottery: Plus Lotto, Lotto Plus 5 and Thunderball draws.
9.00 Casualty. Adam is determined that justice be served when he becomes involved in the case of two warring brothers. Guest starring Spandau Ballet's Gary Kemp.
9.50 Lee Mack's All Star Cast. Former glamour model Katie Price, entrepreneur Theo Paphitis and comedians Rhod Gilbert and Danny Bhoy are guests.
10.30 BBC News; Weather; (C) National Lottery Update.
10.50 Michael McIntyre's Comedy Roadshow.
11.35 FILM: Dark Water (2005) Horror remake.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Wibbly Pig. 6.10 Dip Dap. 6.15 Pinky Dinky Doo. 6.30 Tinga Tinga Tales. 6.45 Octonauts. 7.00 CBBC: 7.00 Deadly 60; Leon. 7.35 Arthur. 8.00 Little Howard's Big Question. 8.25 Prank Patrol Down Under. 8.50 Dennis and Gnasher. 9.05 Trade Your Way to the USA. 9.30 Fee Fi Fo Yum. 10.00 Mission: 2110. 10.30 League of Super Evil. 10.40 Wolverine and the X-Men. 11.05 Mortified. 11.25 OOglies. 11.40 MOTD Kickabout. 12.00 The Sky at Night.12.20 Homes Under the Hammer.
12.50 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the third round.
2.40 FILM: Kramer vs Kramer (1979). Oscar-winning drama.
4.20 Comedy Connections.
4.50 Life Beyond the Box: Norman Stanley Fletcher.
5.40 Porridge.
6.10 Flog It!
7.10 Dad's Army.
7.40 Vincent Van Gogh: Painted with Words. Drama-documentary depicting the Dutch artist's life using his own words as chronicled in 18 years of letters.
9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You.
9.45 Secrets of the Pop Song.
10.45 Top of the Pops: The Story of 1976. Documentary.
11.35 The Kennedys.
12.20 The Kennedys. JFK and Jackie mourn the death of their newborn child.

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. Animated fun.
8.25 House Gift.
9.25 Coronation Street.
11.45 This Morning: Saturday.
12.45 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
1.15 The Planet's Funniest Animals.
1.45 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.55 FILM: Agatha Christie's Thirteen at Dinner (1985). Peter Ustinov, Faye Dunaway and later TV Poirot David Suchet star.
3.55 FILM: Licence to Kill (1989). Spy thriller, starring Timothy Dalton.
6.15 Anglia News and Weather.
6.30 ITV News and Weather.
6.45 You've Been Framed!
7.15 Odd One In.
8.00 Penn & Teller: Fool Us. Award-winning female magician Romany, teenager Daniel Kramer, illusionist Alan Rorrison and Kent-based performer Richard Bellars try to outwit the double act.
9.00 The Marriage Ref. Comedian Jack Whitehall, fellow stand-up Sarah Millican and TV presenter Eamonn Holmes tackle a trio of domestic disputes.
10.00 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.15 FILM: Ocean's Twelve (2004). Crime caper sequel, with George Clooney
12.35 The Cube Celebrity Special: McFly.

CHANNEL 4

6.10 The Hoobs. 6.35 The Film Show. 7.00 British Formula 3 International Series. 7.25 The Grid. 7.55 The Morning Line.
8.50 T4: Friends. 9.20 Hollyoaks Music Show. 9.55 Smallville. 10.50 Friends. 11.20 Style the Nation. 12.20 Dirty Sexy Things. New series. The work of fashion photographer Perou.
1.20 The TV Book Club.
1.55 Channel 4 Racing. Live coverage from Newmarket, York and Ascot.
4.05 Come Dine with Me. From Bolton. Also 4.35, 5.05, 5.40 and 6.10.
6.40 Channel 4 News.
7.10 4thought.tv.
7.15 FILM: The Simpsons Movie (2007). With the voices of Dan Castellaneta, Julie Kavner, Nancy Cartwright and Yeardley Smith.
9.00 Camelot.
10.00 FILM: Gangs of New York (2002). An Irishman in 19th-century New York is taken under the wing of the ruthless gang leader who killed his father 15 years before, and rises up the ranks of power – all the while plotting his revenge. Meanwhile, the tension caused by the enforced drafting of the population into the army to fight in the Civil War explodes into bloodshed and riots. Drama, starring Leonardo DiCaprio and Daniel Day-Lewis.
1.10 FILM: Infernal Affairs 2 (2003).

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 Elmo's World. 7.05 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. 7.20 Noddy in Toyland. 7.30 Chiro. 7.35 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 7.40 Hana's Helpline. 7.55 Little Princess. 8.05 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.25 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 8.40 Rupert Bear. 8.55 Olivia. 9.10 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show. 10.00 Pawn Stars. 10.30 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers. 11.30 Danger: Diggers at Work. 12.30 Rosamunde Pilcher's Summer.
2.20 FILM: King Solomon's Mines (1950).
4.20 FILM: Random Hearts (1999). Romantic drama, with Harrison Ford and Kristin Scott Thomas.
6.55 5 News Weekend.
7.00 Cricket. England v Sri Lanka. Highlights of the fifth and concluding match of the series at Old Trafford.
7.55 NCIS.
8.55 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation.
9.50 Law & Order: Special Victims Unit. A student counsellor is murdered in New York.
10.45 CSI: NY. A street dancer is shot dead in a hotel room.
11.45 Forensic Files.
12.15 SuperCasino.

Tonight's The Night
BBC1, Saturday, 7.10pm.

Popstar To Operastar - The Final
ITV, Sunday, 8pm.

T4 On The Beach
Channel 4, Sunday, 9am, 1.40pm.

Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World
five, Sunday, 9pm.

SUNDAY

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast.
9.00 The Andrew Marr Show.
10.00 Sunday Morning Live.
11.00 The Politics Show. With Jon Sopel; (C) Weather for the Week Ahead.
12.10 Formula 1: The British Grand Prix Live. Coverage from Silverstone (start-time 1.00pm).
3.30 EastEnders. Omnibus.
5.00 Songs of Praise.
5.35 My Family.
6.05 Horrible Histories with Stephen Fry. Prank-loving teenager Emperor Elagabalus hosts a dinner party on Roman Come Dine with Me and Roundheads and Cavaliers take part in Historical Wife Swap.
6.35 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
7.00 Fake or Fortune? Last in the series.
8.00 Countryfile. John Craven travels to the Cairngorms in Scotland to reflect on some of the team's most memorable visits.
9.00 The World's Most Expensive Paintings. Alastair Sooke tracks down the 10 most costly paintings to sell at auction.
10.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather.
10.25 Seve: The Legend. Gary Lineker presents a tribute to Spanish golfer Severiano Ballesteros.
11.25 Moving On.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies: Wibbly Pig. 6.10 Dip Dap. 6.15 Pinky Dinky Doo. 6.30 Tinga Tinga Tales. 6.45 Octonauts. 7.00 CBBC: 7.00 Deadly 60. Leon. 7.35 Arthur. 8.00 Junior MasterChef. 8.30 Me and My Monsters. 9.00 Friday Download.
10.00 Something for the Weekend. With Denise Van Outen.
11.30 Escape to the Country.
12.30 EastEnders. Omnibus.
1.30 Live Golf: The Scottish Open. Coverage of the fourth and final day.
5.30 Live Athletics. The British Grand Prix.
8.00 Top Gear. Jeremy Clarkson and Richard Hammond find second-hand bargains for the same price as Britain's cheapest new car, the £6,995 Nissan Pixo. Plus, the McLaren MP4-12C is compared with its deadliest supercar rival, the Ferrari 458, and reigning Formula 1 world champion Sebastian Vettel is the Star in a Reasonably Priced Car.
9.00 Coast. The team explores the Welsh coast. Nick Crane investigates evidence that a devastating tsunami hit 400 years ago.
10.00 Mock the Week. Ed Byrne, Micky Flanagan and Jack Whitehall offer their opinions of the past week's world events.
10.30 FILM: In the Loop (2009). Satirical comedy.
12.15 FILM: The Front Line (2006).

ITV

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. Pre-school fun.
7.25 CITV. Animated fun.
8.25 May the Best House Win.
9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal.
10.25 60 Minute Makeover. A home transformation in West Drayton, Middlesex.
11.30 This Morning: Sunday.
12.30 Dinner Date.
1.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
1.35 Survival: Tales from the Wild. The story of a male polar bear.
2.35 Inspector Morse.
4.35 Midsomer Murders.
6.30 Anglia News and Weather.
6.45 ITV News and Weather.
7.00 The Royal. Medical drama set in the 1960s, starring Robert Daws and Amy Robbins.
8.00 Popstar to Operastar – The Final.
9.00 Law & Order: UK. New series. Brooks and Devlin investigate a hospital department where three patients have died in suspicious circumstances in six months – the latest being a woman brought into A&E with flu-like symptoms.
10.00 Popstar to Operastar: The Results.
10.30 ITV News and Weather; Weather.
10.45 FILM: Eyes Wide Shut (1999). Drama, starring Tom Cruise.
1.35 The Zone; ITV News Headlines.

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Sali Mali. 6.05 The Treacle People. 6.15 The Hoobs. 6.40 The Hoobs.
7.05 Freesports on 4.
7.35 Triathlon: Ironman UK.
8.00 T4: Friends. 8.25 Style the Nation. Highlights of the final of the fashion show. 9.00 T4 on the Beach 9.55 Hollyoaks. Omnibus. 12.30 The Simpsons. 1.05 The Simpsons. 1.40 T4 on the Beach.
5.25 Deal or No Deal. Beat-the-banker game show.
6.20 Channel 4 News.
6.50 4thought.tv. Beverley Carter.
6.55 The Political Slot.
7.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. Jonnie Irwin and Jasmine Harman advise a couple who had hoped to move to France and raise a family – but have seen their budget drastically reduced.
8.00 FILM: Marley and Me (2008). Premiere. Journalist John Grogan celebrates his wedding by buying his wife a golden Labrador puppy, hoping to stave off her desire to have children. Comedy drama, based on the real John Grogan's newspaper column, starring Owen Wilson and Jennifer Aniston.
10.15 FILM: In Her Shoes (2005). Curtis Hanson's comedy drama starring Cameron Diaz and Toni Collette.
12.45 Stand Up for the Week.
1.30 Bob's Burgers.

CHANNEL 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. 6.15 Fifi and the Flowertots. 6.25 Fireman Sam. 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. 6.50 Elmo's World. 7.05 Roobarb and Custard Too. 7.15 The Save- Ums! 7.25 Noddy in Toyland. 7.40 Hana's Helpline. 7.50 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. 8.00 Little Princess. 8.10 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. 8.25 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. 8.40 Milkshake! Monkey. 8.45 Rupert Bear. 9.00 Olivia. 9.15 The Mr Men Show. 9.30 The Milkshake! Show.
10.00 Police Interceptors.
11.00 New Cowboy Builders.
12.00 The Restaurant Inspector. An East Sussex fish restaurant struggles to attract enough custom.
1.00 Rosamunde Pilcher's Autumn.
2.45 FILM: Man of the House (2005). Comedy, starring Tommy Lee Jones.
4.35 FILM: Matilda (1996). Children's fantasy comedy.
6.25 5 News Weekend.
6.30 FILM: The Legend of Zorro (2005). Swashbuckling adventure sequel.
9.00 FILM: Master and Commander: The Far Side of the World (2003). Based on Patrick O'Brian's novel, starring Russell Crowe.
11.40 FILM: Sniper 2 (2002).

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Smart house and garden

at a glance

- On the market for £220,000
- Detached family house
- Three bedrooms
- Garden
- Driveway and garage

ON the market for £220,000 is this well-maintained detached house. The property is in Bowers Lane, Isleham, and comes with an entrance hall, living room, kitchen, dining room, three bedrooms, a bathroom and cloakroom.

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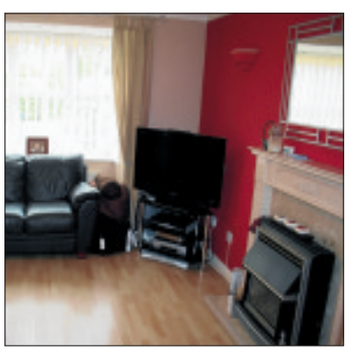

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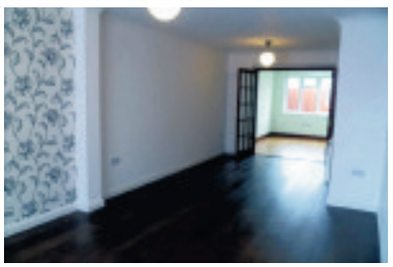
LITTLEPORT
£185,000

Situated on this highly regarded modern development within walking distance to Primary Schools, this four bedroom family home offers spacious and versatile accommodation comprising:- Ent hallway, cloakroom, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, large lounge/diner, landing, three bedrooms and family bathroom. On the second floor the impressive Master Suite has built in wardrobes and an En Suite shower room. To the rear is an enclosed garden leading to the garage. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing and Gas central heating. NO CHAIN!



LITTLEPORT
O/A £195,000

Recently extended and immaculately presented three bedroom detached property, situated in a quiet sought after cul de sac location. Accommodation is spacious and comprises;- Entrance Porch, Entance Hall, Cloakroom, large lounge, seperate dining room with vaulted ceiling, kitchen, Master Bedroom with En Suite, two further bedrooms (one with Juliette balcony) and family bathroom. The property benefits from Upvc double glazing, Gas radiator central heating, enclosed rear garden, garage and driveway providing off street parking for several vehicles. NO CHAIN.

LITTLE DOWNHAM
O/A £400,000

An extremely spacious individual detached single storey dwelling situated in a convenient village lane. Spacious reception hall, living room, conservatory, large dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, cloakroom, five bedrooms, En Suite to Master, family bathroom, central heating, Upvc double glazing, extensive parking, useful outbuildings and large garage/workshop. Attractive good sized gardens with large feature pond.

LITTLEPORT
O/A £150,000

An established extended family home providing spacious accommodation designed for disabled access. It is well situated in this popular residential location on the edge of the village giving easy access to the A10, Ely and Cambridge. Accommodation comprises entrance porch, lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility room, cloakroom, wet room, bedroom four. On the first floor there are three further bedrooms and a bathroom. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, driveway providing off street parking and attached garage. Attractive rear garden designed for wheelchair use.

HADDENHAM
O/A £485,000

An appealing individual detached residence with spacious, charming accommodation which was built to the present owners design and high specification in 1998. It stands on a good size plot in a residential location in this much sought after village. Entrance porch, reception hall, cloakroom, study, lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, master bedroom with en suite bathroom, guest bedroom with en suite shower room, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, oil fired central heating, double glazing, burglar alarm, driveway and double garage. Large well kept garden.

COVENEY
O/A £525,000

Grade II listed thatched cottage, lovingly restored and extended by the present owners, boasting many charming internal features including an inglenook fireplace, two staircases and exposed beams. The accommodation includes sitting room, family room, dining room, study, utility, kitchen/breakfast room, master bedroom with en suite, three further bedrooms and shower room. Benefitting from oil fired central heating, sealed unit double glazing and beautiful large landscaped gardens. There is also a double garage with store and self contained office, kitchenette, wet room and further office.

LITTLEPORT
£169,950

A spacious non estate detached house in need of updating and situated about 1/2 mile from the village centre. Accommodation comprises:- Entrance hall, cloakroom, open plan lounge/dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms and bathroom. The property benefits from gas fired central heating, double glazing, a large driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles, garage and car port. Low maintenance rear garden. NO CHAIN!

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Village house with character

THIS wonderful home in West End, Wilburton, dates from the late 19th century and lies opposite the village church.

Presented in good decorative order, the property comprises a living room, country-style kitchen, dining room, bathroom, three first-floor bedrooms and an impressive shower room and study to the second floor.

The house stands in mature gardens and offers allocated parking. A guide price of £220,000 is invited.

For further information contact David Clark & Company on (01353) 665020.

Magnificent five-bedroom family home

OFFERS around £500,000 are invited for this property in Downham Road, Ely.

The magnificent family house is situated close to the city centre and offers spacious accommodation. This includes five bedrooms – with an en suite to the master – a family bathroom, dining room, living room with feature fireplace, kitchen/breakfast room and study.

There is also a double garage and additional off-road parking, plus a neat lawned garden to the front and rear of the house.

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Family Home £249,950

Great family home with accommodation over three storeys ideal for a family, offering five bedrooms with en-suite to master, and a generous garden.

Situated to the back on a new estate, overlooking open space to the front of the property is a five bedroom detached house that has a private feel, with a lounge, dining room, kitchen, utility and a cloakroom that is situated on the ground floor.

- Detached House
- Five Bedrooms
- Lounge
- Dining Room
- Utility
- Double Garage

Ref: 7195

Desirable Location £219,950

ELY - Detached house, offers a lounge, dining room, kitchen and cloakroom on the ground floor with three bedrooms, two double, en-suite to master bedroom and family bathroom on the top floor, the garden is south facing.

Ref: 7116

Guide Price £118,000 - £122,500

Wealth of period features, end of terrace offering a larger than usual kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, modern bathroom and two bedrooms, features an open fire and generous garden!

Ref: 7201

Soham £250,000

Stunning is the word with this detached property! Offering four bedrooms, kitchen, dining room, cloakroom, lounge, en-suite to master room, enclosed rear garden. This property has so much to offer and is perfect for a family home.

Ref: 7132

The Lap Of Luxury £334,950

Lap of luxury. This detached house is situated in a popular development. The property is spread over three floors offering a lounge, cloakroom, study, kitchen, dining room & utility.

Ref: 7211

Ely £157,500

City centre of Ely, two minute walk from the shops and train station. This property offers two bedrooms.

Ref: 7150

By The River £275,000

Unique one off property located by the riverside. Offering a study, utility room and a captians deck.

Ref: 7157

Can You Help

Mr & Mr G Looking in Soham for a large 3 bedroom semi / detached with garage and parking up to £200,000

Mr & Mrs C looking in Ely 4 bedroom detached modern home up to £250,000

Mr & Mrs R looking in Ely for non estate house up to £250,000 with 4 bedrooms!

Semi Rural Home £194,950

Stuntney - Fantastic opportunity to acquire this semi detached home, within a mile of Ely station and countryside views, generous garden, lounge, cloakroom and three bedrooms.

Ref: 7185

Prickwillow £199,995

Delightful detached bungalow. The property is situated on a good sized plot and has been improved by the current owners to include a new kitchen, new bathroom and carpets throughout

Ref: 7144

Offers In Excess Of £200,000

Excellent opportunity to acquire a detached four bedroom home. This property benefits from a modern kitchen, bathroom, lounge, dining room & potential to extend into the garage for further room!

Ref: 7147

Colorado POA

This fantastic park home has been re-designed over the years and developed to be the most contemporary home in the Omar range. Offering large feature arch windows, dutch barn ends and two bedrooms.

Ref: 7230

Beautifully Presented £152,500

A beautifully presented chalet style property located within the pretty village of sutton. The property benefits from two double bedrooms.

Ref: 7098

Period Property £179,995

Sutton - Detached period property offering a lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, three double bedrooms and newly fitted bathroom.

Ref: 7206

Offers In Excess Of £150,000

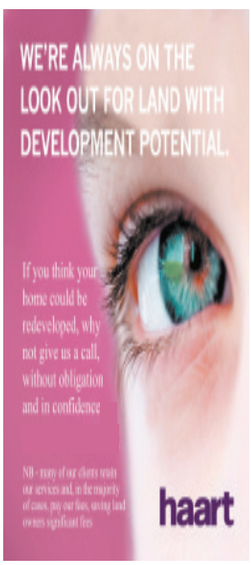
Sold with no chain the property can be vacated with early possession, the kitchen is larger than usual due to the unique property shape, viewing is advised to appreciate the size of the accommodation on offer.

Ref: 7051

Coming Soon

LITTLE DOWNHAM
Two bedroom semi detached cottage with large garden £149'950

SOHAM
4 bedroom detached house, modern with south facing garden £225,000



£95,000 - £105,000

Outstanding modern home, ideal investment or first time buy this maisonette offers a lounge/diner.

Ref: 7062

Haddenham £154,950

Room for improvement. This property benefits form a lounge/diner and three bedrooms.

Ref: 7199

No Chain £129,950

No Chain!This property semi detached property offers three bedrooms, lounge and kitchen.

Ref: 7192

OIEO £90,000

Park home accomodaiton offers a lounge/diner, kitchen, two bedrooms and off road parking!

Ref: 7131

Soham £139,995

Well presented semi detached house, offering a separate dining room, lounge & kitchen.

Ref: 6955

Guide Price £160,000

Double fronted traditional style accommodation offers a generous garden and three bedrooms.

Ref: 6989

Ideal Investment £114,950

Littleport - This semi detached house could benefit from some modernisation throughout and would be a great investment for a first time buyer, benefitting from UPVC double glazing and gas central heating, generous rear garden.

Ref: 7208

Excellent Family Home £249,950

An excellent family home situated within walking distance of schools and city centre, with four good sized bedrooms, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, utility, cloakroom, garage .

Ref: 7153

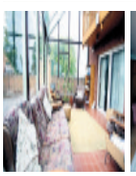
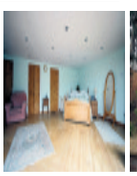
Offers In Excess Of £460,000

Fantastic unique home, benefiting from 6/7 bedrooms, 3 en-suites, generous garden and a double garage and parking.

Upware - Large and Spacious. This property includes large ground floor living with lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room & study, on the second floor are 5 bedrooms with a balcony from bedroom one and en-suite's to bedroom 1, 2 & 3.

- Detached Home
- 6/7 Bedrooms
- 3 En-Suites
- Garden
- Double Garage
- Parking

Ref: 6801

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WICKEN — O/A £442,000

A modern highly individual detached residence tucked away in a wonderful position backing onto open farm land on a total plot approaching one third of an acre. Reception Hall, Dual Aspect Drawing Room, Dining Room, Two Cloakrooms, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, Four good size Bedrooms, En-Suite Bathroom, Shower Room , Oil Fired Central Heating, Double Glazing, Double Garage, Landscaped Gardens, Extensive Driveway Parking.

SOHAM — O/A £195,000

A well proportioned three bedroom detached bungalow in a sought after position within this popular well served vilage location.

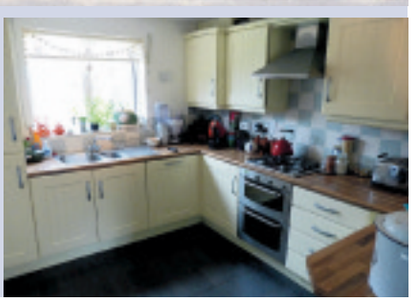
NO UPWARD CHAIN.

MEPAL — O/A £175,000

A well presented exceptionally spacious modern semi detached house well situated in a small cul de sac in this popular village.

SOHAM
O/A £229,950

A modern, attractive, double fronted four bedroom detached family home situated in a popular residential development. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Sitting Room, Study Area, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Utility Room, En-Suite Shower Room to Master, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front and Rear Gardens, Garage and Driveway Parking



WITCHFORD — O/A £375,000

An outstanding modern individually designed substantial detached residence with four double bedrooms and two en-suites, tucked away on a good size plot in this highly regarded village location.

SUTTON — O/A £185,000

A recently renovated immaculate detached bungalow with garage and gardens which lies in a small pleasant lane in this sought after village location.

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LITTLEPORT £259,000

A superb 1950's built bay fronted detached residence with four bedrooms and three reception rooms set in superb landscaped gardens backing onto farmland on a total plot in excess of 1/4 of an acre.

LITTLE THETFORD O/A £360,000

A superbly presented recently built 4 double bedroom, double frontage detached residence set in landscaped gardens in a wonderful rural position overlooking a large open green within this sought after village location.

ELY £84,000

A particulary well appointed ground floor one double bedroom Maisonette with parking and its own rear garden situated in a cul de sac situation about 1 mile from the city centre. £84,000 for a 75% share.

ELY £157,000

An established, 1920s built, three bedroom terraced cottage with a 160' rear garden which lies in a convenient position less than a mile from the City Centre.

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A modern, well proportioned two bedroom end of terrace house with the benefit of No Upward Chain situated in a popular residential location. Entrance Hall, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Living Room, Bathroom, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Front Garden, Driveway Parking for several vehicles, Enclosed Rear Garden

O/A £112,000

NEW

ELY

A superbly presented, spacious end of terrace three storey townhouse which forms part of a sought after development of properties a little over a mile from the City Centre. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Spacious Living Room, Fitted Kitchen, Family Bathroom, En-Suite Shower Room, Gas Central Heating, Double Glazing, Large Rear Garden, Driveway and Garage

O/A £205,000

MEPAL Guide Price £219,950

A modern well presented detached three bedroom bungalow tucked away within a small group of properties in this popular village location.

LITTLEPORT Guide Price £197,000

A well proportioned three bedroom detached bungalow which lies on a good size plot close to amenities in this well served village location.

NEW

SOHAM

An opportunity to purchase an attractive, mature, double fronted three bedroom semi detached house in need of updating in this popular location. No Upward Chain. Entrance Hall, Dual Aspect Sitting Room, Dining Room, Kitchen, Outer Lobby, Garden Room, Shower Room, Front and Rear Gardens, Driveway Parking for Several Vehicles.

O/A £129,950

ELY

A superbly presented greatly improved detached four bedroom house which lies in a sought after position a little over a mile from the City Centre. Ent. Hall, Cloakroom, Refitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room, Sitting Room, Dining Room, Refitted En-Suite Shower Room, Refitted Bathroom Suite, Front & Rear Gardens, Garage. CLOSED UPWARD CHAIN.

O/A £237,500

SOHAM O/A £219,950

A modern particularly well appointed spacious four bedroom detached house with an enclosed rear garden in this sought after convenient location.

SUTTON Guide Price £169,950

A particularly spacious four bedroom semi detached house which lies towards the end of the cul-de-sac in this popular village location.

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LITTLEPORT

A Victorian 3/4 bedroom house situated close to the town centre and railway station with gas central heating and double glazing.

£650 pcm

Available Mid August - unfurnished

SOHAM

A charming two bedroom older style detahed cottage with a 90' rear garden with driveway parking, situated on the outskirts of this well served small town.

£550 pcm

Available Late July - unfurnished

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A modern well appointed three bedroom semi detached house with garage and off street parking in an appealing cul de sac situation less than ? a mile from a well served centre and less than a mile from the Railway Station.

£595 pcm

Available beginning October - unfurnished

NEW

ELY

A two bedroom mid terraced house with double glazing, gas central heating and enclosed rear garden and off street parking.

£625 pcm

Available 20th July - unfurnished

NEW

SOHAM

A newly refurbished ground floor flat located on the high street and benefits from two parking spaces.

£550 pcm

Available immediately - unfurnished

NEW

HADDENHAM

A well presented four bedroom spacious modern detached house well located in a corner location in this small select cul de sac with views to the rear, convenient for the village amenities.

£1,250 pcm

Beginning of August - unfurnished

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NEW

Ely **£265,000**

A modern detached family home comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, separate dining room, kitchen/breakfast room (master bedroom with ensuite), family bathroom, garage, parking and enclosed garden. The property also benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

NEW

Witchford **£189,950**

A recently refurbished and superbly presented semi detached home comprising entrance hall, spacious lounge, superb fitted kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, driveway, garage and attractive gardens. Benefits include replacement upvc double glazing and gas central heating.

NEW

Witchford **£183,500**

A well presented three bedroom semi-detached house situated on a highly regarded residential development. Accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, dining room, conservatory, three bedrooms, bathroom, garage and parking.

Witchford **£299,950**

A much improved and extended detached family home offering versatile accommodation which includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, kitchen/family room, lounge, dining room, utility, 5 bedrooms, bedroom 6 /study, 2 en-suites, family bathroom, garage, parking and gardens.

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NEW

Littleport **£219,950**
Spacious 3-storey property with hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, utility, first floor lounge with study area, 4 double bedrooms (2 ensuite), bathroom, gated car port and enclosed rear garden. No upward chain.

Wicken **£300,000**
A superbly converted part of a former school now offering a mixture of contemporary and original features including an open plan lounge/kitchen, 3 bedrooms, gardens and parking. Viewing is recommended to be fully appreciated.

NEW

Littleport **£125,000**
Spacious end terrace property situated in a cul de sac location with entrance hall, lounge/dining room, kitchen, 2 double bedrooms, bathroom, 2 parking spaces and garden. No upward chain.

Littleport **£139,950**
A modern house situated on a highly regarded residential development. Entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, master with en-suite, family bathroom, garden and parking.

NEW SHARED OWNERSHIP

Stretham **£132,000**
Superbly presented spacious semi detached property with hall, cloakroom, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Immaculate garden, driveway and additional parking space.

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Sutton **£164,950**
Well presented extended semi detached house in a cul de sac adjoing a grass field. Includes entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking, garage and gardens.

NEW

Haddenham **£149,950**
An end of terrace property that has been modernised and greatly improved by the current owners. Entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, cloakroom, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, parking and gardens.

Ely **£179,950**
An established semi detached property close to Ely Community College & The Lantern Primary School. Hall, lounge, kitchen/dining room, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, gardens, driveway & garage. No upward chain.

NEW

Soham **£145,000**
A well presetned modern home with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, cloakroom, lounge, kitchen/breakfast room, 2 bedrooms and bathroom, together with gardens and parking.

Ely **£190,000**
A modern detached property situated in a popular location with 2 receptions, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), driveway, single garage and attractive gardens

NEW

Ely **£175,000**
An established semi detached property with entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge opening into dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms and bathroom. Enclosed rear garden, 2 parking spaces. No upward chain.

Ely **£189,950**
An established semi detached proeprty situated in a highly regarded location convenient for City centre. Hall, cloakroom, kitchen/diner, lounge, 3 bedrooms, bathroom, driveway, garage and gardens. No upward chain.

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Littleport **£585,000**
An imposing, highly individual, detached home with 5 bedrooms (1 ensuite), 3 reception rooms and a self contained annexe. The property has a heated swimming pool and is set in superb grounds of just under half an acre adjoining fenland with excellent views.

NEW

Littleport **£122,500**
A modern semi detached home with hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 2 bedrooms, bathroom, enclosed rear garden, driveway and garage. The property benefits from gas central heating and double glazing.

Pymoor **Guide Price £300,000**
A charming 1930's 4 bedroom detached property in approx. 1/3 of an acre (sts) with extensive driveway, timber outbuildings including garage & workshop, superb well maintained gardens. No upward chain

NEW PRICE

Welney **£365,000**
Imposing comprehensively refurbished 4 bedroom Victorian farmhouse. Substantial accommodation. Wealth of character features. Overlooking paddocks to rear. Range of brick outbuildings suitable for conversion (stpp)

Soham **£149,950**
A spacious 2 double bedroom semi detached bungalow situated within a superb plot of approximately 1/3rd of an acre (sts) with spacious lounge/dining room, sun room/study, wet room, driveway. No upward chain.

NEW

Soham **£175,000**
A modern end terrace property comprising entrance hall, cloakroom, lounge, conservatory, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, enclosed rear garden and parking.

Ely **£255,000**
A modern detached home in a highly regarded residential location with hall, cloakroom, 2 receptions, kitchen/breakfast room, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, driveway and gardens.

NEW

Littleport **£125,000**
Immaculately presented modern property with entrance hall, kitchen/dining room, lounge, 2 bedrooms and refitted bathroom, There are immaculately maintained gardens, a driveway and garage. Short onward chain.

Ely **£175,000**
Modern 3-storey townhouse in popular location with hallway, cloakroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, 3 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, gardens and shared driveway leading to parking area and garage.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£114,950**
A well presented second floor apartment in conversion scheme of similar properties. Fitted kitchenette, adjoining living area, shower room, 2 bedrooms, double glazing, gas heating, communal gardens, parking, No upward chain.

SHARED OWNERSHIP

Ely **75% SHARE £78,750**
A well presented 1 bedroom first floor maisonette situated in a highly regarded residential location. Gas central heating, double glazing, garden and parking. Viewing recommended.

NEW PRICE

Ely **£179,500**
Established semi detached property requiring modernisation within walking distance to the City Centre. Hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, W.C., 3 bedrooms, bathroom. Rear garden approx. 85'

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NEW

Ely **£175,000**
A central city home in a small Mews style development well located for access to the many City amenities. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing and allocated parking.

Ely **£136,500**
A modern 2 bedroom terrace home situated on a popular residential development. The property benefits from gas central heating, double glazing, an enclosed rear garden and off road parking.

Littleport **£93,500**
Superbly presented, deceptively spacious ground floor apartment forming part of a Victorian conversion. Lounge, refitted kitchen/dining room, 1 double bedroom, bathroom, garden, parking & spacious garage.

Ely **£214,950**
A spacious detached home conveniently situated for the City Centre with hall, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, 3 bedrooms (1 en-suite), bathroom, driveway, garage and attractive gardens. No upward chain.

Haddenham **£169,950**
An established home situated in a central village location with accommodation comprising entrance hallway, lounge, kitchen/dining room, utility room, bathroom, cellar, 2 bedrooms, garage, store and garden.

Haddenham **£275,000**
Modern detached family home on a small development of homes with hall, lounge, study, kitchen/family room, utility, cloakroom, 4 bedrooms (1 ensuite), bathroom, garage, driveway and gardens.

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ALLEN ROAD, ELY
£1,250 pcm

Spacious and very well presented detached home. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, living room with French doors to garden, fitted kitchen/breakfast room with integrated cooker, dishwasher and refrigerator, utility room, dining room, master bedroom with dressing room and ensuite shower room, three further bedrooms and a fitted bathroom. The property has gas heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and garage.

WISBECH ROAD, WELNEY
£1,250 pcm

Spacious detached farmhouse in a rural setting. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, living room, family room, dining room, conservatory, cloakroom, fitted kitchen, office, shower room, five bedrooms (all with fitted wardrobes), ensuite shower room to the master bedroom, fitted bathroom and snooker room. Oil fired heating, triple garage, extensive gardens and driveway.

MILL CORNER, SOHAM
£795 pcm

Double fronted detached house, which has been completely renovated throughout. Accommodation comprises entrance hall, downstairs cloakroom, living room, fitted kitchen/dining room with oven and hob, master bedroom with ensuite shower room, second double bedroom, a further single bedroom and a fitted bathroom with shower over the bath. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, enclosed garden and off road parking. No smokers or pets.

KINGFISHER DRIVE, SOHAM
£750 pcm

Modern terraced townhouse. Accommodation to the ground floor comprises entrance hall, cloakroom, study and kitchen/family room with French doors to garden and to include oven, hob, dishwasher, fridge/freezer, washing machine. To the first floor is the lounge with Juliette balcony and the master bedroom with ensuite shower room. To the second floor is bedroom two, bedroom three and a fitted family bathroom. The property has gas central heating, double glazing, garden and garage.

WELLINGTON STREET, LITTLEPORT
£650 pcm

Fully furnished mid terrace two bedroom cottage. The property has central heating, front and rear gardens, garage and parking to the rear. No smokers or pets.

STATION ROAD, ELY
£650 pcm

Two bedroom terraced house in a central location with gas central heating and allocated parking. Available now.

TENNYSON PLACE, ELY
£625 pcm

Modern two bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating, enclosed garden, garage and driveway. Available early August.

BUTCHERS ROW, ELY
£550 pcm

Brand new first floor flat with one double bedroom ideally located in the heart of the City and within walking distance of the riverside and rail station. The property has gas central heating. No smokers or pets.

MAIN STREET, PYMOOR
£575 pcm

Recently renovated two bedroom semi detached cottage with electric radiator heating, gardens to the front, rear and side and off road parking.

KINGS AVENUE, ELY
£575 pcm

Modern two bedroom first floor flat on this popular development with electric heating and allocated parking. Available mid August.

DAIRY DROVE, LITTLEPORT
£575 pcm

Three bedroom semi detached house in a rural location with oil heating, double glazing, garden and driveway. Available now.

PARSONS LANE, LITTLEPORT
£550 pcm

Recently constructed terraced two bedroom house with gas central heating, double glazing, rear garden and allocated parking. Available now.

MILL CORNER, SOHAM
£545 pcm

Two bedroom semi detached cottage with gas central heating, enclosed rear garden and driveway. Available beginning September.

WISBECH ROAD, LITTLEPORT
£495 pcm

Unique two bedroom property forming part of the Old School House close to the centre of the town with gas central heating.

DANE HILL ROAD, KENNETT
£375 pcm

One bedroom end of terrace bungalow set in the grounds of Kennett Hall with electric heating and parking. Available mid July.

ST MARTINS WALK, ELY
£600 pcm

Two bedroom terraced house ideally situated in the City centre with electric heating and allocated parking. Available early July.

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HADDENHAM

A truly unique detached family home offering extremely versatile accommodation over three levels set within a substantial plot in the heart of this sought after village.

8 bedrooms, en suite, 4 bathrooms, 2 shower rooms, 6 reception rooms, utility room, kitchen/breakfast room, double glazing, oil fuelled heating, gardens, sweeping driveway to front providing ample off road parking leading to garage and outbuildings.

£595,000

ELY

An immaculate and substantial extended five bedroom family home appointed to a high specification throughout and situated in a highly desirable residential area.

5 bedrooms, 2 en suites, bathroom, shower room, kitchen/breakfast room, sitting room, family room, dining room, study, utility room, garage, off road parking and garden.

£525,000

NEW

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT

This grand residence is situated on a generous plot of just over 1/3 of an acre (STS) and is positioned close to the heart of the well served town of Littleport.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, utility room, lounge, dining room, study, double glazing, gas fired heating, garage and off road parking.

£475,000

WILBURTON

An outstanding extended detached family home stylishly improved throughout situated in a quiet cul de sac in this highly sought after Cambridge commuting village.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, utility room, LPG fuelled heating, double glazing, off road parking, garage and gardens.

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£249,950

NEW

ELY

A charming two bedroom Victorian property set on 'Cambridge Road' close to the City Centre and rail station.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, cloakroom, gas central heating, original features, off road space for parking and a private landscaped courtyard garden.

£174,950

NEW

SOHAM

£355,000

An impressively presented and substantial detached family home situated in a set back non estate location in one of Soham's prime residential areas.

5 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen/breakfast room, conservtaory, utility room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, double garage and private lawned garden.

NEW

ELY

£210,000

A detached property situated in a popular cul de sac location with well presented accommodation throughout in the City of Ely.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, cloakroom, lounge with gas flame fireplace, kitchen/breakfast room, gas central heating, single garage, driveway, walled rear garden and front garden.

NEW PRICE

ISLEHAM

A spacious and versatile period property full of character situated in a non estate location within the much sought after village of Isleham.

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£276,950

MEPAL

A stylish and well presented four bedroom bungalow with a beautiful conservatory in a quiet sought after close in this popular village.

4 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, lounge, kitchen, conservatory, gas fuelled heating, double glazing off road parking and beautiful front, side and rear gardens.

£235,000

NEW

ELY

Situated in close proximity to the City Centre, this three bedroom end terrace offers good accommodation as well as off road parking, garage and a lawned rear garden.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, rear garden, off road parking and garage en bloc.

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STRETHAM

A deceptively spacious dormer bungalow situated in a quiet cul-de-sac location.

3 bedrooms, bedroom 3 accessible via stairs from lounge, bathroom, kitchen, lounge opening to dining area, oil central heating, double glazing, single garage and off road parking.

£159,995

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A well presented three bedroom semi detached house situated in the popular Highfield Estate close to all the village's amenities.

3 bedrooms, en suite, bathroom, cloakroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge/diner, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garden, single garage and off road parking.

£159,950

WITCHFORD

A modern and well presented three bedroom property situated in the ever popular village of Witchford, offered with no upward chain.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, kitchen/dining room with patio doors to rear garden, gas central heating, double glazing, 2 allocated parking space and garden. No upward chain.

£147,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A charming two double bedroom character property situated within the City Centre offering ideal for first time or investment purchasers.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, gas fuelled heating and courtyard rear garden. No upward chain.

£139,950

NEW

ELY

This charming two bedroom Victorian terraced property is conveniently located close to the city centre and railway station and benefits from no upward chain.

2 bedrooms, modern bathroom, kitchen, lounge, gas fired central heating, double glazing, enclosed lawned rear garden. No upward chain.

£139,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A very well maintained and stylishly presented two bedroom home situated in a popular development on the outskirts of Ely.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen, lounge/dining room, gas fuelled heating, double glazing, gardens, garage and off road parking.

£139,950

NEW PRICE

LITTLEPORT

A deceptively spacious three bedroom town house, well maintained by the current owner situated within the heart of this thriving village.

3 good size bedrooms, downstairs bathroom, lounge, dining room, kitchen, double glazing, gas fuelled heating and an enclosed private rear garden.

£129,950

NEW

WITCHAM

A modern two bedroom mid terrace property presented in good order and situated centrally in this sought after picturesque village.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, storm porch, entrance hall, kitchen, lounge/dining room, conservatory, double glazing, gas fuelled heating, garage en bloc and parking.

£129,950

NEW

MEPAL

An ideal opportunity to acquire a two bed semi detached bungalow in need of partial modernisation situated within a central village location.

2 bedrooms, family shower room, entrance porch, lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, electric storage heating, garage, off road parking and rear garden. No upward chain.

£129,500

NEW

MEPAL

A well presented three bedroom terraced property, much improved by the current owner, ideally suited for first time or investment buyers situated in this popular village.

3 bedrooms, bathroom, open plan lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, electric storage heating, double glazing, garage, off road parking and garden.

£124,950

NEW

ELY

An opportunity to acquire a two bedroom apartment close to the City Centre with views over open countryside, ideal as a first time or investment purchase.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen/breakfast room, lounge, electric storage heating, 2 allocated parking spaces, views over open countryside, no upward chain and potential rental income of £575pcm.

£124,950

NEW PRICE

ELY

A perfect opportunity to acquire a modern two bedroom first floor apartment situated in a popular residential location close to the main transport links in Ely.

2 bedrooms, bathroom, lounge opening to kitchen, reception hall, double glazing, gas fuelled heating and allocated parking.

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SOHAM

A modern three bedroom mid terrace house in the popular village of Soham with views to the rear overlooking the river.

This modern accomodation comprises of fully equipped kitchen/diner, lounge and WC. Two double bedrooms, one with ensuite and a further single bedroom and family bathroom. GCH. Garden with river path at bottom. Car barn. Unfurnished.

£695 PCM

NEW

LITTLEPORT

A deceptively spacious three bedroom semi detached property in the popular village of Littleport.

The accommodation comprises of kitchen, open plan living room / dining room with doors into conservatory. Three bedrooms and a family bathroom with shower over bath. Rear garden. GCH. Off road parking and single garage. Unfurnished.

£675 PCM

NEW

SOHAM

A well presented three bedroom end terrace property on a popular development in Soham.

This neutrally decorated house comprises of kitchen with gas hob and electric oven, dining room, lounge with electric fireplace and French doors to the rear garden, three bedrooms with ensuite to master, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage and parking space. GCH. Unfurnished.

£675 PCM

LET

STUNTNEY

A refurbished three bedroom semi detached cottage providing easy access for Ely city centre.

The property comprises three double bedrooms one with a built in wardrobe. Ground floor bathroom with shower. Lounge through to a seperate dining room. Kitchen. GCH. Large side and rear garden. Driveway parking. Unfurnished.

£650 PCM

NEW

WINFARTHING COURT, ELY

A well presented first floor two bedroom flat on popular development close to the River and Town Centre.

This property comprises of lounge, separate modern fitted kitchen with oven/hob, washing machine, fridge and freezer, two bedrooms. Bathroom with shower attachment over the bath. Neutral decor. Small communal garden area. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£630 PCM

LITTLEPORT

A well presented three bedroom semi detatched house, well situated for the local amenities of Littleport.

This neutrally decorated property comprises of 3 bedrooms all with a builtin cupboard, family bathroom, lounge, kitchen and a seperate study area. GCH. Rear gravel garden. Garage and driveway. Unfurnished.

£600 PCM

NEW

LONGCHAMP DRIVE, ELY

A well presented, two bedroom fully furnished first floor flat on a popular development to the North of the city centre.

The property comprises of lounge/diner with corner sofa and a fully equipped kitchen. Bedroom 1 with double bed and wardrobes. Bedroom 2 with single bed. Bathroom with shower over bath. Electric storage heating. Allocated parking space. Fully furnished.

£595 PCM

NEW

SUTTON

A well presented and neutrally decorated two bedroom semi detached house on a modern development in the Village of Sutton

The property comprises of good size lounge, kitchen/diner and WC to ground floor. Two double bedrooms, one with built in wardrobes and bathroom with mains shower over bath to first floor. GCH. Small front and medium rear garden. Garage and parking. Unfurnished.

£595 PCM

LET

TOWER COURT, ELY

A two bedroom second floor flat located on the prestigious Tower Court development just South West of the city centre, providing easy access to the BR Station, A10 and A142.

The property offers open plan living area with equipped kitchen, one double, one single bedroom and bathroom. Neutrally decorated. GCH. Communal gardens. Allocated parking. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

LET

PYMOOR

A recently refurbished two bedroom semi detached house in the small, quiet village of Pymoor.

This spacious property offers a recently refitted kitchen & bathroom, large lounge/diner with working fireplace and is neutrally decorated throughout. ECH. Front & rear gardens. Driveway parking. Unfurnished.

£575 PCM

LET

LITTLEPORT

A newly decorated two bedroom detached house situated in a quiet cul-de-sac in Littleport.

The property comprises of two double bedrooms, one with fitted wardrobes, bathroom with shower over bath, kitchen with cooker and fridge, lounge and conservatory with doors to the enclosed rear garden. GCH. Single garage. Unfurnished.

£560 PCM

LET

COLUMBINE ROAD, ELY

A well presented one bedroom first floor maisonette situated in a popular residential development within the City of Ely.

The property benefits from L-shaped lounge/diner, kitchen with built in cooker & hob, bedroom, bathroom with shower, double glazing, GCH & two allocated parking spaces. Unfurnished.

£520 PCM

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First-time buyers get a boost

PERSIMMON Homes has welcomed the announcement that 2,100 of its new homes across England will be available to buy with the support of FirstBuy, the Coalition Government's initiative to help first-time buyers get on the property ladder.

After receiving a local allocation of £1.1m from the Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), the housebuilder will be able to provide the first-time buyer market with 71 new homes across the East Midlands. As such, buyers looking to take their first step on the property ladder are encouraged to contact their regional Persimmon Homes office or log onto the website *www.persimmonhomes.com/firstbuy* for information on how FirstBuy could help turn their home owning dreams into a reality.

Adrian Evans, managing director for Persimmon Homes East Midlands, says: "The expertise of our sales advisers in helping people apply for, and buy through, Government funded equity loan schemes is second to none having assisted over 2,000 purchasers to buy their first home with the previous HomeBuy Direct scheme."

FirstBuy is offered through equity loan funding of up to 20 per cent of the purchase price split equally between the Homes and Communities Agency and Persimmon, with purchasers being required to raise funding (a mortgage plus deposit) of at least 80 per cent of the purchase price. This would mean that for a property worth £160,000 buyers would need to secure a mortgage of £120,000, with a deposit of just £8,000.

Adrian continues: "FirstBuy provides a fantastic opportunity, giving thousands of people the ability to own their own home. We are confident that we will have a new home at a development to suit the needs of local buyers who have been striving to own their own home previously, with further details on our locations found on our website."

Military personnel have been given top priority for housing help and will be among the first to benefit from the Government scheme.

Mike Farley, chief executive of Persimmon plc, added: "It is important that we give our Armed Forces a helping hand onto the property ladder. We are delighted to be able to support more than 2,100 troops and other first time buyers in the purchase of their new homes right across the country thanks to the Government funding in the FirstBuy Scheme."

Richard Hill, deputy chief executive at the HCA, said: "Thanks to FirstBuy over 10,000 first-time buyers will be able to realise the dream of owning their home, while housebuilders will benefit from an additional source of sales, giving a much-needed boost to the development industry."

For buyers that do not meet the requirements of FirstBuy, which is expected to help 10,000 families get on the property ladder, Persimmon also offers its own Shared Equity Scheme and homes that can be bought through the Kickstart II initiative.

OPPORTUNITY: Persimmon Homes supports the Government-led FirstBuy scheme to offer first-time buyers financial assistance

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LITTLEPORT £800 pcm

Three bedroom detached home. Lounge. Dining room. Kitchen. Utility room. Main bedroom with double wardrobes. Bathroom. Outbuildings. Double garage.

LITTLEPORT £580 pcm

Individual house with two double bedrooms. Conservatory. Utility room. Cloakroom with shower. Natural wood flooring. Jacuzzi bath. Gas central heating. Parking.

ELY £600 pcm

Three bedroom three storey house with small court yard and sheds to the rear of the property. Lounge, kitchen, bathroom with bath & power shower. Gas central heating.

FORDHAM £790 pcm

Four bedroom older style semi detached house with a large living room and large kitchen/diner. Garden. Parking for two to three cars. Gas central heating.

SUTTON £600 pcm

Two bedroom terraced house. Kitchen, cloakroom, lounge. Family bathroom with separate shower and bath. Rear garden. Parking for two cars.

SUTTON £600 pcm

Two bedroom ground floor flat. Kitchen/Breakfast area with oven and hob. Lounge. Bathroom with shower over bath. Gas central heating. Garden & Parking.

SOHAM £295 pcm

Fully furnished bedsit situated close to the town centre. The accommodation comprises kitchen, bedroom/ living area and separate bathroom with shower.

CHITTERING £2,000 pcm

Six bedroom detached farm house. Kitchen with white goods. Breakfast room. Utility room. Lounge. Dining room. Cloakroom. Family bathroom. Double garage. Gardens. Summer house.

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The kids aren't all right!

Parents' driving loses plot

NEARLY two-thirds (63 per cent) of children admit their parents are aggressive drivers and 13 per cent say are scared or embarrassed by mum and dad's driving, according to new research.

The survey by Continental Tyres, asked kids to report what they witnessed and to say how they felt about their parents driving – and the results might make mum and dad think twice about their behaviour.

When 1,000 children between the ages of four and 16 were polled, three-quarters said their parents shout at other road users and one in five reported that their 'responsible adult' used a mobile phone while driving despite this being banned in December 2003.

The back-seat view revealed that 40 per cent of youngsters get upset when mum or dad loses it behind the wheel and one in three gets embarrassed.

The poor driving skills prompt 22 per cent of children to slump down in their seat to try to hide and one in five have told their elders to improve their driving, despite 14 per cent saying they were too scared to tell their parents that they were unimpressed.

Tim Bailey, safety expert for Continental Tyres said: "There are some serious failings highlighted here revealing poor driving practices and lack of courtesy by millions of motorists.

"What compounds that situation is the impact it has on the children. Nearly one in ten said they had gripped the seat in response to the speed of their parents driving.

"The assumption might have been that driving with a child in the car would prompt greater care and attention, but this evidence suggests not, and poor driving habits are potentially being ingrained in future motorists."

In the study 23 per cent of the children said that they had been in an accident with either mum or dad driving.

According to four in five kids (80 per cent), dad is more likely to speed. However mum is nearly three times more likely to be their 'taxi' ferrying them to school, activities and friends.

It appears that the combustible mix of mum and dad can be worse when both are together. Two-thirds of parents argue about each other's driving with their offspring rating them both as better drivers when their partner was not in the car.

Tim Bailey of Continental commented: "Parents are normally very aware of the need to be good role models; this survey reminds them of the need to continue when they get behind the wheel."

Eco-Astra: 76mpg, 99g/km

VAUXHALL has pulled out all the stops to make its latest Astra ecoFLEX one of the cleanest and most efficient compact cars in the UK, using technology like energy recuperation and adaptive aero-dynamics to achieve combined fuel consumption of 76.3mpg and C02 emissions of just 99g/km.

This last figure means a total exemption from TfL's Congestion Charge, as well as zero VED (Vehicle Excise Duty), inclusion in the lowest 13 per cent BIK (Benefit in Kind) tax band, and 100 per cent capital allowance for businesses.

But thanks to its high-output, 1.7 CDTi diesel engine, strong performance has not been sacrificed. With 130PS of power (5PS up on the current highest output 1.7 CDTi) and 300Nm of torque, the new Astra ecoFLEX leaves other eco-rivals in the shade, maintaining Vauxhall's reputation for combining driveability with exceptional efficiency.

ecoFLEX: Clean and efficient.

Available to order soon, the Astra ecoFLEX 1.7 CDTi 130PS produces emissions 20g/km less than the Astra 1.7 CDTi 125PS – a massive 17 per cent reduction.

Part of the reason for its low figures is that the Astra ecoFLEX 1.7 CDTi 130PS is fitted with a friction-reduced six-speed gearbox that has been tuned to work with the new version of the engine.

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Some estate secrets

REPORTS of the death of the large estate are, to put it mildly, greatly exaggerated.

Many thought the craze for full-sized MPVs would ring the death knell for the big estate, but with families increasingly choosing mini-MPVs, the market has once again reopened for the genuinely plush big estate.

And with very good reason. Why subject yourself to the roly-poly ride of a 4x4 or MPV when you can replicate luxury saloon levels of ride quality and comfort with a plush estate? Such is the appeal of the large estate car.

Almost without exception, these are based on successful executive saloons – models like BMW's 5 Series, Mercedes' E-Class and Audi's A6.

This in turn means that the same market issues apply. We're talking here about the huge shift in sales which has taken place, moving from volume makers to prestige players. In the 80s, names like Ford, Citroen and Toyota were the big players in this sector. Today, they're all gone, to be replaced by the prestige marques, although many of them are still trying to break back in.

Estates of the nation: The Chrysler 300C Touring is well worth looking out for.

Cheap and cheerful

As usual, it's a question of how far back you're prepared to go.

In 1994, Ford announced the curiously-styled Scorpio Estate, which was to live only four years. Destined for a longer life was Vauxhall's Omega Estate, announced at the same time and largely unchanged until its facelift at the end of 1999. Apart from the odd MK2 Citroen XM ('94-'00) and Toyota Camry Estate ('92-'97), the only other alternatives wore prestige badges. As always, the market leaders were Volvo, whose impressive 850 Estate ('93-'96) makes a great used buy. Its sharp handling so showed up the company's larger 940/960 series estates that those models were discontinued in 1997 (though the plusher versions carried on for a year or so, badged as 'V90's).

You might even be able to stretch to an early MK1 Volvo V70 (launched in 1996) – essentially a facelifted 850 with much the same blend of virtues.

Affordable mid-rangers

The best value you'll get if you're looking for something later with lower mileage will come either from Vauxhall's Omega Estate or Volvo's V70.

Both are well built and offer lots of car for the money – the Omega much more so. You may well find you can afford a facelifted post-'99 model for the cost of an older V70 (from '96). The newer V70 dates from 2000.

Desirable but pricey

There's little shortage of quality if you're prepared to put your hand in your pocket.

Volvo still commands a big section of the market and the latest V70 makes a strong used buy. If you need to carry a whole bunch of gear look to Volvo or, latterly, Audi. The A6 Avant produced from spring 2005 is a sizeable piece of kit and used examples are available, although don't expect to find too many notable bargains.

What to look for

One advantage of buying in this sector is that few of the cars on offer will have been regularly used for carrying heavy loads – though they may have been used for towing them.

Since the asking prices and running costs generally put such models out of the reach of families, there's less to worry about in terms of interior wear and tear too.

As you'd expect, most of these cars will have been company-owned, which as usual is a good thing if, as in most cases, that has meant motorway miles and regular servicing.

Unless it's a BMW, always go for an automatic if you can: the car will hold its value better.

Cheap and cheerful: The Audi A6 Avant.

What to pay

■ **Cheap & Cheerful**
Older – Audi A6 2.5TDi Avant: £1,500-£2,500 (M to P plate)
Newer – Mercedes E240: £3,000-£3,200 (S to T)

■ **Affordable Mid-Rangers**
Older – BMW 528i SE Touring: £3,100-£3,700 (S to W)
Newer – Volvo V70 2.4 S: £4,100-£5,600 (Y to 03)

■ **Desirable but pricey**
Older – BMW 535d SE Touring: £11,000-£14,400 (04 to 55)
Newer – Chrysler 300C Tourer 3.0 CRD: £11,200-£12,900 (06 to 57)

Affordable mid-ranger: Volvo V70.

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Baseline for an early Bentley Continental R is £27,000, which will net you a car showing 170-180,000 miles on a 1991 plate. The older the Continental you pick, the flatter the depreciation curve will be and if you play your cards right, it might even be possible to pick one to coincide with the inevitable market upswing.

Later models are going to hit you very hard in the pocket with a 2000 V-plated car costing around £35,000 with values currently enjoying a £500 haircut every month in this price bracket. Opt for a Continental T and £32,000 will buy a very well looked after 99S plater.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

To avoid potential problems, try and buy from an official dealer. Otherwise get a detailed expert inspection carried out. Insist on a full Rolls Royce-approved service before you buy because running costs are huge.

ON THE ROAD

Under the bonnet, you'll find a 6.75 litre V8 engine in normally aspirated and turbocharged forms, depending on your model choice. Despite the prodigious body weight, this unit still manages to shift this huge gentleman's conveyance at a surprisingly rapid pace. It's rather undignified to drive the car like this of course but for raising eyebrows among your fellow road users, you can't beat it.

Most of the time, you'll be content to glide from county to county, much as the standard four-speed automatic gearbox slides imperceptibly from ratio to ratio.

You can hear the engine all right, but it sounds a bit like a thunderstorm happening 50 miles away. Handling is a little soft, even on the Mulliner equipped Continental T. Rapid changes of direction are manoeuvres the Bentley gently frowns upon.

Overall

If you're not planning on putting huge mileages on it, an early Conti R can work out cheaper to run than something like a new Citroen C6, which is quite something.

Sporty MX-5 tops satisfaction poll

THE world's best-selling roadster, the Mazda MX-5, has been ranked the top sports car in the 2011 J.D. Power vehicle ownership satisfaction survey, just published.

With almost 17,000 motorists from across the UK taking part in the highly-respected annual survey, owners of Mazda's iconic two-seater rated their cars well above the competition for its driving dynamics, handling, low ownership costs, mechanical reliability and interior quality.

Remarkably, the Mazda MX-5 notched up a satisfaction rating of 82.4 per cent, an increase on its score from last year and an even greater margin of victory over its rivals than in 2010. The MX-5 beat the Volkswagen Scirocco, Audi TT, and Mercedes-Benz CLK and SLK.

This is not the first time that the Mazda MX-5 has been successful in the J.D. Power Survey. Reporting on this year's survey results, *WhatCar?* magazine commented: "The MX-5 proves that sports cars don't need to be sophisticated, luxurious or expensive to be fun to drive. Mazda's MX-5 has been commended in the past and this year its margin of victory is even bigger than it was in 2010."

Earlier this year, the regular 10-strong range of Mazda MX-5 models was boosted by the arrival of two special editions of the legendary roadster, called the MX-5 Kendo. The special edition model celebrates global MX-5 sales passing 900,000 units, including more than 100,000 in the UK.

"Today, the Mazda MX-5 remains unrivalled as a rewarding sports car that can also be used for everyday motoring all year round," said Peter Allibon, sales director at Mazda Motors UK.

"The MX-5 soft-top continues to offer the purest, fun-to-drive thrills, while the Roadster Coupe's folding hard top provides a more refined experience, with that same exhilarating drive. Its low running costs and legendary reliability means the MX-5 remains an extremely competitive proposition as hundreds of very satisfied owners confirm.

"Whether potential buyers are considering purchasing any of the regular MX-5 models, or the latest 'Kendo' special editions, this J.D. Power survey result shows that they'd be joining a group of owners who simply love their cars.

"It is little wonder that it continues to break records as the world's best-selling open top roadster."

Charging ahead with electric power

TWO-THIRDS of motorists (65.7 per cent) say they would be more likely to buy an electric vehicle (EV) if charging posts were readily available at roadsides and in car parks.

Of the 1,417 that participated in the UK survey, conducted on behalf of EV infrastructure provider Elektromotive, only 7.8 per cent said that the greater availability of charging posts would not make them more likely to by an EV.

Over a quarter (26.5 per cent) said they were "undecided", suggesting that a significant minority still need to be persuaded about the viability and benefits of EVs.

The Government is currently operating an incentive scheme that enables consumers to save £5,000 on the purchase price of a new EV.

However, only 534 grant applications were made in the whole of the UK during the first quarter of 2011 when the scheme started, and the Elektromotive survey suggests that the lack of a widespread, publicly available recharging infrastructure could be one of the main factors holding back EV demand.

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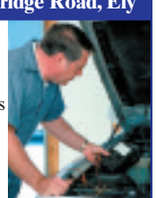

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» Golf

It's cup of joy for Ely's Pam

ELY City GC's Pam Fyfe battled through tough conditions to secure a prestigious piece of silverware.

Fyfe was among the competitors who contested the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Division Three and High Handicappers' meeting at Heydon Grange GC near Royston.

The players faced blustery conditions as they battled their way around the course and, at one stage, the greens were completely white following a ferocious deluge of hailstones.

Despite the conditions, Fyfe put together an excellent round of golf to secure the Long Handicap Cup with a score of 38 points.

Heydon Grange's Kersti Llewellyn-Beard took second place with 37 points.

Josephine Donaldson (St Ives) was third with 36 on countback from Brampton Park's Debbie Dale.

In the High Handicappers' section, Jane Reynolds (Lakeside Lodge) retained the trophy with 34 points. Second place went to Jayne Webb (Menzies) on 32.

She's a winner: Ely City's Pam Fyfe after her success at Heydon Grange. CP

» Football round-up

Max is on target as leading scorer

PROMISING footballer, nine-year-old Max Allen, is one of a group of Year 4 boys who attend King's School Junior's after-school sessions with an FA skills coach.

Although he has not yet had the opportunity of representing the school, he was last season Haddenham Rovers Colts FC's top goalscorer for the third year in a row in the Cambs Mini League.

He received his top goalscorer award from Cambridge United manager Jez George and U's player Luke Berry at Rovers' recent presentation event.

Honoured: Nine-year-old Haddenham Rovers Colts' leading scorer Max Allen with Cambridge United player Luke Berry (left) and U's boss Jez George (right). CP

Prickwillow getting ready for action

NEWLY-FORMED Saturday team Prickwillow FC have started their pre-season training on Wednesdays (7pm). All players are welcome to join for the forthcoming season in which the team have entered Division Five of the BIS League. To contact the club for more details, either email prickwillowfc@ hotmail.com or ring/text Clive Reams on 07975 591662.

» Netball

Well run: Members of City of Ely Netball Club after taking part in the Race for Life in Cambridge. CP

City players join the Race for Life

MEMBERS of City of Ely Netball Club joined the 7,476 runners taking part in the Cambridge Race for Life.

In support of Cancer Research UK, the quintet slapped on the high-factor suncream and ran the 5k course around the sweltering parks, through the colleges and city centre.

The club have just held trials for their two teams, one of which will continue to compete in the County Premier League.

The second team will be seeded soon and begin to play competitively in September.

The club train on Thursdays, 7.30-9pm at King's School, Ely. Please call Sue on 07855 784133 for further information.

» Angling

Bond is Master of Headfen

RICHARD Bond captured carp to 9lb on a method feeder to triumph in the latest £2,400 Headfen Masters qualifier at Headfen Lakes Fishery.

The victor finished with 74lb 10oz, while runner-up Matt Ayres took 63lb on the Little Downham complex's Trev's Lake.

Details – 1 Richard Bond (Bury St Edmunds) 74lb 10oz, 2 Matt Ayres (Dents) 63lb, 3 Steve Jackson (Headfen) 60-2.

■ Carl Gifford landed 102lb 12oz to win the Fred's Match Group contest at Little Downham's Headfen Lakes Fishery. He fended off the challenge posed by Richard Ayres, who had 93lb, on Snake Lake.

Details – 1 Carl Gifford 102lb 12oz, 2 Richard Ayres 93lb, 3 Keith Chapman 70-8. Section winners: Vic German 59lb and Bryan Chapman 47lb.

» Bowls

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Men's league: Bottisham 80 (6) Chippenham 58 (1), Ely Beet A 65 (1) Isleham 74 (6), Fordham 64 (2) Ely Beet B 70 (5), Soham B 56 (1) Ely City 74 (6), Bottisham 55 (2) Ely City 85 (5), Chippenham 81 (6) Hiam 59 (1), Ely Beet A 34 (0) Soham A 90 (7), Fordham 54 (1) Newmarket 83 (6), Littleport 72 (6) Haddenham 61 (1), Soham B 55 (1) Ely Beet B 77 (6).

Ladies' league: Ely Beet 32 (1) Isleham 40 (4), Soham B 43 (4) Ely City 26 (1), Ely City 32 (1) Newmarket 35 (4), Ely Beet 45 (5) Soham A 33 (0), Fordham 43 (5) Newmarket 21 (0), Littleport 35 (4) Haddenham 30 (1).

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» **Powerlifting:** Special Olympics World Summer Games

It's gold to the power of four for Tom

TOM Baty claimed a staggering haul of four gold medals at the Special Olympics World Summer Games in Athens.

The Ely powerlifter proved too strong for the opposition as he heaved his way to multiple success in his first international competition.

Baty, 27, who has Down's syndrome, began by winning the under-82.5kg squat with a lift of 132.5kg.

The 2009 British champion, who trains at the Paradise Centre, followed it up by taking the bench press with 90kg and the dead lift with 150kg, as well as earning the overall honours with a combined weight of 372.50kg.

Baty's head coach on the Great Britain team Gary Porter said: "This was as good as it could get in powerlifting. Tom was unstoppable in the squat, bench and deadlift and deservedly took gold overall for what was a phenomenal performance."

His mother Anne was thrilled with Baty's performance, especially as he had suffered with a gastric bug leading up to the competition.

She said: "His dad Richard coaches him, and we're hugely proud of Tom.

"We're delighted he did so well and even more impressed given he'd been ill a few days before.

"The whole thing was a wonderful occasion, but we're really looking forward to him coming home with the rest of the British team.

"He had to raise £2,000 to afford to take part, and a lot of people helped us to do that, so we're very grateful to them."

Thumbs up: Tom Baty with his haul of medals. CP

» **Football** round-up

Departures: Peter Hinde (right) and Steve Bugg, who have left their posts as joint-managers of Soham reserves.

New management for Greens' second string

PETER Hinde and Steve Bugg have stood down from their positions as joint-managers of Soham Town Rangers reserves, the club have confirmed.

The pair returned to Julius Martin Lane to take charge of the Greens' second string, who finished fourth in the Senior A Division of the Kershaw League, at the start of last season.

The duo also guided their team to the final of the William Coad Cup, where they lost to Wisbech Town reserves in extra time. Both men had previously played for Soham's first team in various spells. The Greens have moved quickly to fill the position, with Brett Fuller and Wayne Bell agreeing to take over ahead of the new campaign.

Both were regulars for the reserves last season, with Bell winning the team's player of the year award, while Fuller returns to a position he has previously held in the past.

A club spokesman said: "The club would like to thank Peter and Steve for their efforts and wish Brett and Wayne all the best in their new roles."

Linnets test for Robins

ELY City will kick off a busy programme of pre-season friendlies with a visit from King's Lynn Town on Saturday, July 16, kick-off 3pm.

The Linnets, who were runners-up in the Premier Division of the Hereward Teamwear United Counties League last season, have been strengthening their squad during the summer with several prominent new signings, and should pose a stiff opening test for the Robins.

A match with Biggleswade will follow at the Unwin Ground on Tuesday, July 19 (7.45pm).

Deeping Rangers will provide the opposition for a home friendly on Saturday, July 23 (3pm). City complete their pre-season build-up with away matches at Thetford Rovers on Tuesday, August 2, (7.45pm), and Lakenheath on Saturday, August 6 (3pm).

» **Cricket** round-up

Hatcher, Foster in the runs

MARK Hatcher and Andrew Foster both struck half-centuries in City of Ely's 85-run victory over Cricket Stick CCA Senior League, Division Two bottom side Milton at The Paradise ground on Saturday.

Hatcher (pictured) struck nine fours on his way to 62, and Foster found the rope on eight occasions as he made 52, with their efforts helping the hosts post 207 for 7.

Simon Coston, who took 3 for 44, was the best of the Milton bowlers.

David Clark mustered 50 at No 4, but Milton were all out for 122 as Kingshuk Dasgupta (4 for 44) caused them real problems.

■ **Connor Cunningham grabbed the limelight from his brother with a century in Chatteris' 120-run romp over Somersham in Division Three. His sibling Kurt Cunningham has hit the headlines this season for his explosive exploits as Chatteris have**

stormed to the top of the table. But it was Connor's turn to earn the accolades with a knock of 130 as the hosts made 245 all out. Peter Munns added 25 and John Manning, Peter Coleman and Paul Powell all claimed three wickets.

Dominic Platt then took 4 for 30 and Mark Leach bagged 4 for 38 as Somersham were all out for just 125. Zunair Shahid and Powell both hit 24.

■ James South made Witcham dizzy as he produced some excellent swing bowling to lead Littleport to victory in Division 1A of the Cricket Stick CCA Junior League.

He finished with 7 for 12 as the visitors skittled their opponents out for 45.

Adrian Buxton had earlier hit 57 as Littleport put 188 for 8 on the board, with Angus Pate (4 for 27) and Ian Housden (3 for 29) being the pick of the bowlers.

■ **Chatteris III's poor run in Division 4A continued with a six-wicket loss at the hands of Fordham III.**

They lost their first five wickets for 34, but staged a recovery of sorts to post 107 all out.

Jake Kaval got 2 for 18 and Karl Anderson, 15, took 1 for 29, but Fordham got to 109 for 4 inside 23 overs.

■ In Division 5A, Nigel Phillips' 79 helped Witcham II beat Histon III by 17 runs. Colin Alsop added 35 to Witcham's tally of 213 for 5, before the hosts were all out for 196.

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